

Message Notes

First Baptist Church

July 31, 2022

Loving Your Neighbor – Part 1

Often Jesus would answer questions with a question. It's a great way to make one think as you seek the truth.

Read Luke 10:25-28

Love God and love people. At the heart of both is relationship. Relationship is what this life and the next is all about. The Bible is a historical account of relationship established, relationship lost, and what God has done to restore relationship. Eternal life isn't earned, it's a gift given by God as we accept a restored relationship with Him.

Read Luke 10:29

In Jewish thought, a Samaritan was not your neighbor.

Read Luke 10:30-31

We see some common attitudes:

1. Keep your _____.

Read Luke 10:32

2. Interested but _____.

Read Luke 10:33

We see Jesus' attitude:

1. _____ others they way you want to be _____.

What do we learn from this Samaritan?

1. _____ the need (v.33).
Business is a kindness killer. In the end, it's our responsibility - we do what we want to.
2. _____ (v. 33).
(See Galatians 6:2)

Read Luke 10:34-35

3. _____ the need.
Remember love isn't a feeling; it results in feelings.
Love is a choice.
(See Galatians 6:10)

As followers of Jesus, He wants us to know Him and make Him known. He has come to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Therefore we should add #4.

4. _____ Christ.

We love because He first loved us.

Our mission in life is just an extension of His mission.

We serve because He served us. Attach Christ.

When someone thanks us for meeting a need or showing love respond by saying, "I'm just helping because Jesus helped me." or "It's just a way to show you that Jesus loves you"

The greatest, most important thing we can do with our lives is to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. In a world that's focused on self-definition, self-identification, and self-reference, Jesus calls His people to be self-less.

Know Jesus & make Him known.

This religious leader, desiring to justify his not loving Samaritans, asks Jesus a question and Jesus answers with a story where the Samaritan is the hero.

Read Luke 10:37

Will you go and do likewise?

Ideas on how you can love your neighbor this week.

1. Surprise someone with an unexpected visit or phone call.
2. Send or give someone a handwritten card or letter.
3. Make some cookies and take them to your neighbors.
4. Take someone out to lunch – your treat.
5. Take a flower to someone who lives in a nursing home.
7. Invite someone over for dessert.
8. Buy someone a gift from the dollar store and drop it off with a note letting them know you appreciate them.
9. Give your spouse a break and make dinner one night.
10. Tape a dollar on the coke machine you use for the next person.

When someone says "thank you", respond by saying, "It's just a way to show you that Jesus loves you."