

Parables of Jesus part 11

Various scriptures

“But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, And who is my neighbor?” -Luke 10:29

What would you say are the greatest inconveniences in your life today?

*Wasting _____ and money

*Solving various _____

*Working with and or getting along with _____

The Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37

Context:

Jesus has been speaking with an expert of the law about how to inherit eternal life. After he correctly summed up what the law required for one to obtain eternal life Jesus challenged him to do it. In response to this challenge, the Bible tells us that the expert wanted to justify himself by asking Jesus to explain or define who is his neighbor.

- Not only does God want us to know the word of God, but He also wants us to _____ it. In light of the direction of this conversation, Jesus tells a powerful story to show this expert who his neighbor is.

3 classes of men and philosophies of life:

***Robbers: Luke 10:30** Their motto is “Whatever you have is _____.”

What did they do to the man?

- _____
- _____
- _____ leaving him half dead

***Priest and Levite: Luke 10:31-32** Their motto is “Whatever I have is _____.”

What did they do to the man?

- _____ him
- _____ by on the _____

What natural inclinations make it easier for you to act like the priest and levite?

***Samaritan: Luke 10:33-35** His motto is "Whatever I have is _____."

What did he do to the man?

- _____ him

-had _____

-put _____ on his wounds, pouring olive oil and wine.

-took him to a _____ place

-cared for his _____

Application: verses 36-37

"Which of these 3 do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The one who showed mercy to him, he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

What did you notice about the expert's response? Why is it important?

Common saying among Arabs: "He who does not take revenge from the transgressor would be better dead than to walk without pride." Genesis 1:27; Lev. 19:18; Romans 12:18

As you reflect on times when you were made a mistake or fell on hard times, how does it feel when someone has mercy on you?

Lessons learned:

*The lack of love is easy to justify, even though it is never right.

*Our neighbor is anyone of any race, creed, social background or IQ who is in need.

*Love means _____ to meet the person's need. In God's sight there is no valid reason for refusing to help someone.

What are 3 things Christians can do to be more like this Samaritan?

The Parable of the Persistent Friend: Luke 11:5-8

Context:

Jesus has been teaching his disciples how to pray. In Luke 11:2-4 he outlines a model for prayer which is to first give reverence to God then make our petitions to him. When we come to verse 5 Jesus tells a parable to illustrate the importance of boldness and persistence in prayer.

Boldness: Luke 11:5-6

How did the friend demonstrate boldness in this instance?

In the custom of that day, a whole family lived together in a _____ room house. On one side of the house was a raised platform where they all slept; down on the ground were all their animals- cow, sheep, etc. Therefore there was no way the man could come to the door without disturbing the whole household.

*By coming at _____

*Asking for bread

As you reflect over your prayer life, what are some ways we can demonstrate boldness in coming to our Heavenly Father in prayer? Hebrews 4:16

Persistence: Luke 11:7-8

How did the one inside the house respond? What did he say?

*Don't _____ me!

*The door is already _____

*My children are sleep

*I can't get up to give you _____

In considering your prayers, how have you responded when God told you no or wait? What does this parable imply we should do when our prayers don't turn out the way we hoped? Daniel 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:17; Ephesians 6:18

What happened in the end? What did the friend receive?

***The friend received as much as he _____.

Application to the Disciples: Luke 11:9-10

So I say to you ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks received, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Lessons learned:

*Regardless of your circumstances, never be afraid to talk to God about your needs.

*Even if God says, "No or wait", don't give up. keep asking, seeking, and knocking.

How does the inconvenience of helping others and praying more persistently help you in your personal relationships with God and your fellow neighbor?

What is one thing you have learned today that you are willing to share with someone else?

“A river cuts through a rock not because of its power, but its persistence.”