

Why Church?

Luke 10:25-37

Question: Who is my neighbor?

Answer: Any person in trouble towards whom we show mercy

Matthew 25:35-36

Dig Deeper

- A certain man (every man; describes the human condition)
 - ◆ *Fell among thieves* (world, flesh & devil) – **John 10:10**
 - ◆ *Stripped him of his clothing* (lost righteousness) - **Isaiah 61:10**
 - ◆ *Wounded*—physically, emotionally, mentally, relationally & financially
 - ◆ *Half Dead*—alive physically but dead spiritually – **John 3:1-7** -
 - ◆ Certain priest—dead, dry lifeless-religion can't help you
 - ◆ Levite—set apart for Temple service, teachers of the Law
 - ◇ Religion without compassion is helpless and hopeless.
 - ◇ Legalism destroys joy and hope.
- Certain Samaritan
 - ◆ God uses ordinary, even objectionable people (David, Peter, Paul, Rahab)
 - ◆ A person does not have to possess special talents or gifts to show compassion.
- Jesus is the true Good Samaritan!
 - ◆ **Luke 15:20**—Prodigal Son
 - ◆ **Matthew 14:14**—Multitude
 - ◆ **Mark 1:40-41**—Leper
 - ◆ *Bandaged wounds*—Jesus is concerned with your whole life, not just your spiritual life.
 - ◆ *Pouring on oil and wine*—Holy Spirit
 - ◆ *Own animal*
 - ◆ *“Inn”* = the Church
 - ◆ *Two days wages*