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| **SERIES** | PARABLES |
| **BIBLE** | Scripture Section – Luke 10:25-37 |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Sermon Title/Topic – A People Who Truly Love Others |
| **OVERVIEW** | Many of us are interested in the Kingdom of God. We say that we love God, go to church, and can even serve at the food pantry, but do we follow Christ’s teaching of loving both God and man. Some people are easy for us to love and can sometimes justify ourselves thinking that we are living out that command to love one another. In this parable the question asked is “Who is my Neighbor?” Through this parable, Jesus seeks to answer that question in a way that the expert of the law could understand what it means to truly love others around us. |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | Exegetical:  Who are we called to love…Who is my Neighbor?  **We can often justify ourselves before God by choosing the people that we want to love instead of the people that are hard to love. (v. 29)**  ***29****But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*  **As we go through life there will always be people hurting and in need around us. (v. 30)**  ***30****In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.*  **It is easy to see a person in need but pass by that person without taking action. (v. 31-32)**  ***31****A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.****32****So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.*  **Loving others shows mercy to others and often crosses cultural and ethnic boundaries requiring sacrificial giving on our parts (v. 33-37)**  ***33****But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.****34****He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.****35****The next day he took out two denarii[*[*e*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+10%3A1-37&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25399e)*] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’*  ***36****“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”*  ***37****The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”*  *Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”* |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  Real love in action speaks loudly in our lives and reflects back to who God is in His Essence. One of the signs that we are in God is that we love because God himself is Love (1 John 4:8). Many people have come to know God through acts of love by His people. At the core of the Gospel is the reality that God loved us so much that he gave (John 3:16) |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Grow – Part of growing in our lives involves us learning how to love others the way that we have been loved by God. Love is a verb. It takes action to love others. |