

5. How can our churches be places where we show the scandalous, pursuing love of God for humanity?

6. How can we reach across ethnic and cultural boundaries to show the world that God shows mercy and compassion to anyone in need?

7. Looking back over this week's sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

Theological Theme

Loving our neighbor means serving others with a heart of compassion.

Christ Connection

Jesus' story of the good Samaritan shocked his original audience and challenged those who thought they could earn a place in his kingdom. God saw us in distress, and sent his son to do what we cannot do for ourselves. Jesus rescued us.

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Jesus The Storyteller (Part 3)

"To Help or Not to Help"

Luke 10:25-37

To Help or Not to Help

1. Ask a _____ question to ask the _____ question.

Jesus' story is answering the question, "_____?"

Jesus tells a story to _____ us a bigger truth

2. Live in a _____ story

Do _____ and you are really _____

Living in _____ moves us from living _____ to living _____

3. Make _____ for _____

_____ toward those in _____ is not something we ____; it is something we are to ____.

_____ and _____ to those in need, honors God.

The _____ of this story is not to find _____ to love, but to be _____ who love.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. What reasons do we give when we want to "pass by on the other side" and not show compassion to someone in need?

3. What is the difference between doing acts of compassion (transactions) and being a compassionate person (transformation)?

4. What do we learn from the Samaritan's sacrificial actions on behalf of the wounded man?

Next Steps:

Family Resource Center

- Impact opportunities as a family

Impact Opportunities

- City Vision Bus Tour - July 28
- Feed My Starving Children Event - October 2018

Book Resources

- "When Helping Hurts" - Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert
- "Slow Kingdom Coming" - Kent Annan

Family Discussion Questions

1. What needs do you see in people in our world, country, state, community?
2. What things keep us from helping people in need?
3. What is something we can do as a family to help those in need?