

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs focused on the mission, or the command of a Christian to love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind, and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. In other words, the call to GO to the world to bring hope and light to the hopelessness and darkness. There is a tendency to narrow the understanding of “neighbor” to those who look like you, act like you, and worship like you. In fact, Jesus explains in a parable known as the Good Samaritan, that neighbor is anyone who needs you. Anyone. Expanding your understanding of who your neighbor is, and what it means to love them as you love yourself, is the key to living out the gospel of grace.

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 10:25-37

²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

²⁷ The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

³⁷ The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy."

Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Read Luke 10:25-27. How do these two commandments sum up the Law of Moses, (the 10 commandments) See Exodus 20:3-17 for reference?
3. Read Luke 10:28-37. What do you learn about the "neighbor" and how to "love" them?
4. Notice the command is to "love your neighbor as yourself", not "treat your neighbor as yourself". How is that different?
5. What action words capture the idea of this kind of love? Ex. Invite, visit, forgive
6. Who are neighbors (you know and haven't yet met) who need you to love them? What are practical ways to do this?
7. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for his example of unconditional love and the provision of grace that equips you to love others. Ask God to reveal neighbors you've neglected or ignored, whether intentionally or not, and how you can instead actively show them love.

OPTIONAL EXERCISE

This coming week, keep a short journal or list of how you spent your time and money. Highlight those things that are ways you love yourself. Next to those, list ideas of how you can love others in the same way.