

ONEthing series
Week 2 outline
8.13.22
Luke 10:25-37 ESV

ONE THING NECESSARY — Week 2

I. Looking for a Loophole (vs 25-29)

A. Right Question, Right Answer Wrong Direction

- "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

- "eternal life"- "Zoe" life: the God-breathed life we were created for
- "inherit"- that bestowed from parents to children by birth or adoption
- "I do"- yet mistakenly believing we can earning this inheritance

B. Define "Neighbor" Jesus (vs 29-35)

vs 29 Message version: "'Good answer!'" Said Jesus, 'Do it and you'll live'. Looking for a loophole, he asked, 'and just how would you define neighbor'"

1. We Limit:

- the who: we only help people who are like us
- the when: we can't adjust our plans or interrupt our work schedules
- the how much: we can only be so generous

2. We Justify:

- It's too inconvenient
- It's too impractical
- It's too uncomfortable

II. Who's Our Neighbor?

- A. The person least like me
- B. The person least seen by others
- C. The person least convenient to my plans

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" -Matthew 25:40

III. Our True Good Samaritan

-We're not the Priest, or Levite, and we're actually not the good Samaritan of this story;
We are the Traveler...

- Who was found in our brokenness on Jericho road
- Who was healed of our broken hearts, our wounds bounded up
- Whose weight of sin and shame was carried on our behalf
- Who was brought into a new place, with a belonging, and a new life
- Whose price we couldn't pay on our own, but was paid on our behalf
- All by one promising His return, reconciling and restoring

JESUS IS THE TRUE GOOD SAMARITAN OF OUR STORY!

HE IS THE ONE THING
ELEVATING THIS STORY OF GOOD MORALS AND STRONG ETHICS
TO A STORY THAT POINTS US SQUARELY BACK TO THE GOSPEL
ALLOWING US TO RESPOND WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION AND MERCY

IV. So What's our "LIKEWISE"? (vs 36-37)

A. We Love

- Loving God with everything we've got
- Loving our neighbor as ourselves
- ... out of Christ's first love for us

"LOVE HAS NO NEED TO JUSTIFY ITSELF
IN MERELY EXPRESSES ITSELF IN SERVICE WHENEVER IT SEES NEED" -J. Stott

B. We See

- through the lens of compassion (literally to feel it in our guts)
- with the eyes of mercy (not receiving what we do deserve)
- ...to see like Christ sees

COMPASSION TAKES GUTS

C. We Go...

- As the light of the world
(fulfilling the great commission and sharing the good news of Gospel in its fullness of grace and truth)
- As salt of the earth
(obeying the greatest commandment and caring for others, seasoning and preserving the world in which we live)

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:
to look after orphans and widows in their distress
and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* -James 1:27 (NIV)

WE LOVE, WE SEE. WE GO.
WHO'S OUR NEIGHBOR?