

“The Neighborhood is Bigger Than You Think!”

Luke 10:25-37

INTRODUCTION/REVIEW:

5 observations on the richness of the parable:

1. It speaks to the love scenarios I face everyday.
2. Loving God means loving what He loves – people.
3. It magnifies the value and purpose of the law with sinners.
4. It magnifies the mercy and patience of Jesus toward God-testers.
5. It makes the best question unavoidable.

Proving myself a neighbor means. . .

1. Undermining my sinful tendency to self-righteously limit love, 10:29-32.

2. Pushing myself to extreme expressions of self-forgetfulness, 10:33-35, 37.

Qualities of compassionate, risk-taking love for another:

1. 10:33-34a. Willing to be exposed to personal harm. . .
2. 10:34b-35. Sacrificial use of personal possessions and resources. . .
3. 10:34. Physically exerting myself to meet a need. . .
4. 10:35. Not aiming for the quick exit out of love. . .
5. 10:34-35. Willing to postpone personal plans; rearrange my schedule
6. 10:35. Willing to be exposed to further financial loss. . .
7. 10:35b. Planning to follow through well.
8. 10:33-35. Remembering compassion now, correction later. . .