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All About the Relationship

Luke 10:25-42

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



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This week we will look at the very popular passage about the good Samaritan followed by the different priorities of Mary and Martha. In this passage an expert in religious law comes to question Jesus about eternal life. After Jesus turns the question around to him the man says you must love God and love your neighbor and Jesus agrees. The expert did not leave it alone and wanted to justify himself so he pressed Jesus by asking who is my neighbor? Jesus then answers with the parable of the good Samaritan. The parable emphasizes relationships and caring for all people. In the last part of the chapter we see the interaction between Mary and Martha. Here, again Jesus emphasizes relationships even putting the relationship with Him above duties. Join us this week as we see the importance of a relationship with Jesus and how it carries into our relationships with our neighbors.



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 Now an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you understand it?” 27 The expert answered, “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*” 28 Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

29 But the expert, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him up, and went off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, but when he saw the injured man he passed by on the other side. 32 So too a Levite, when he came up to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan who was traveling came to where the injured man was, and when he saw him, he felt compassion for him. 34 He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever else you spend, I will repay you when I come back this way.’ 36 Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” 37 The expert in religious law said, “The one who showed mercy to him.” So Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”

Jesus and Martha

38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he said. 40 But Martha was distracted with all the preparations she had to make, so she came up to him and said, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work alone? Tell her to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things, 42 but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the best part; it will not be taken away from her.”

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)

What does God MEAN?

8. Why does Jesus seem to agree that we simply need to love God and love our neighbor to inherit eternal life?

9. Why did the expert in the law ask Jesus who is my neighbor?

10. Why do you think Jesus uses a Samaritan to demonstrate who is being a good neighbor?

11. Is Jesus saying the priest does not have eternal life because he is not being a good neighbor?

12. Why do you think Mary sat at the Lord's feet instead of helping Martha?

13. Do you think it is wrong for Martha to be troubled by everything she needs to do? Explain.

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How do we inherit eternal life?

15. In our electronic age, how would you define neighbor?

16. How should I be a good neighbor? Should I stop for every car on the side of the road? Give some examples of being a good neighbor?

17. Mary chose to sit at the Lord's feet and Jesus says this is best. How do we balance this idea with the reality of everything that we are responsible for doing?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes