

# THE HARVEST: Like a Good Neighbor

LUKE 10:25-37

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## *Like a Good Neighbor, Let Proximity Lead to Ministry*

1. Realize the **Perfection** of Goodness (25-29).

2. Recognize the **Portrait** of Grace (30-35).

3. Reenact the **Proof** of God (36-37).

### **Luke 10:25-37**

*<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'*

*<sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."*

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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here: [www.centralchurch.com/groups](http://www.centralchurch.com/groups)*

- 1. Read the Mark Dever quote below.** Where do you see bad fruit in the modern approach to evangelism? As we talk about the gospel, why is it important to talk about the perfection of God in holiness? How does the holiness of God show up in our evangelism?
- 2.** When someone asks who you are in the story of the good Samaritan... what would be your answer and why?
- 3.** This passage ends with a command to "go, and do likewise" (meaning, be a Christ-like neighbor). This passage has a message to the saved and the lost. To the lost, this passage draws upon the desperation of the broken, naked man. We must come to Christ empty. To the believer, we must go as God's "conduit of Grace" to others, like the good Samaritan. What does it look like for you to be a "good neighbor" this week?

### ***Quote for the Week. . .***

by Mark Dever

*"The bad fruit of false evangelism:*

- 1. Worldly people feeling assurance because they made a decision one time.*
- 2. Real revival being lost amid our own manufactured and scheduled meetings that we euphemistically call "revivals" (as if we could determine where and when the wind of God's Spirit will move).*
- 3. Church memberships markedly larger than the number of those involved with the church.*
- 4. Inaction in our own lives, as we ignore the evangelistic mandate – the call to share the good news."*

**Mark Dever, *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*, Crossway, 2007, p. 111.**

