

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE  
SERMON OUTLINE

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#6- Series on the Parables

**THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN  
(Who Is My Neighbor?)**

**LUKE 10:25-37**

Few people really understand US Internal Revenue Service income tax regulations and for good reason. The leaders in ancient Israel did the same thing to their religious system. They made excessive laws to govern man's relationship with God.

Of all the many parables that Jesus told,

**The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

is one of the best known and most loved and is only found here in Luke 10. This parable Jesus told is about a man who stopped to help another. Someone who **HAD COMPASSION**.

**Who is my neighbor?** Jesus' response makes the expert nervous and he's probably regretting he ever asked the question. In *verse 29* we see that the lawyer is looking for a loophole when he asks a second question.

I love that verse in *Jude 22* which says; "and some have compassion making a difference." Let me share with you **what COMPASSION IS NOT**:

- ◆ **Compassion Is Not Academic**
- ◆ **Compassion Is Not Abstract**
- ◆ **Compassion Is Not Afraid**
- ◆ **Compassion Is Not Analytical**

**COMPASSION IS ACTION**

Having said what compassion is not- academic, abstract, afraid, and Analytical - it is time to say what compassion is: **action**.

**I. COMPASSION IS BASED ON NEED NOT WORTH V - 30**

In *verse-30* we read. Our compassion is to be driven, not by the "worth" of the recipient but by the need.

**II. COMPASSION FEEL SOMETHING V - 33**

It would have been shocking for Jesus to have told the people that this man was helped by just an ordinary man. It is not even a Jew helping a Jew, but rather a Samaritan helping a Jew who had been ignored by his fellow Jews.

**III. COMPASSION DOES SOMETHING V- 34**

He doesn't pass by on the other side. He moved toward the injured man. You must move toward people to express compassion, in order to build relationships.

Jesus details in a series of **six verbs here in V-34 shows us** how active this man's compassion was, I want you to underline these words in this verse; he **went** to him, he **bandaged** his wounds, he **poured** oil and wine on his wounds, he **put him** on his donkey, he **brought** him to an inn and he **took care** of him.

**IV. COMPASSION COSTS SOMETHING (V- 35)**

This man really went the extra mile, he took this man to an inn and saw to it that the innkeeper looked out for the recovering victim.

**V. COMPASSION DEMONSTRATES OUR RELATIONSHIP TO  
GOD (vs. 36-37)**

The lawyer almost chokes on his words here. He cannot even bring himself to say the word "**Samaritan**" and so he responds in *verse 37* with, "He who showed mercy on him."

The lawyer is left without any of the excuses or the vindication that he wanted. The question had been turned on him and is now, "What kind of neighbor am I?" Remember *1 John 3:16-18*

In this parable Jesus is separating the person who has a real relationship with God from the merely religious. We saw what the religious folks did when they saw this man bruised and battered by the side of the road. They kept walking.

This week all of us will walk the Jericho road. Sooner or later we are bound to meet someone in need. If he or she is in need and you can help, he or she is your neighbor. Amen!

**COMPASSION IS ACTION** and the four lessons learned from this parable for each of us is:

- 1.Compassion is what we see**
- 2.Compassion is what we do**
- 3.Compassion is how we do it**
- 4.Compassion is how much it cost us**