

The Parable of the Good Samaritan: Love in Action

Micah 6:8

Luke 10:25-37

Philippians 2:13

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus redefines what it means to be a neighbour. This lesson challenges us to extend love, compassion, and mercy beyond cultural, social, and religious boundaries.

Being a neighbour isn't about who we are, but how we act. Jesus' command to "Go and do likewise" calls us to actively love others, just as the Samaritan did. As followers of Christ, we must understand that:

- **Love Knows No Boundaries:** The Samaritan loved across cultural divides, just as we are called to love others regardless of their background (Galatians 3:28).
- **Compassion Leads to Action:** The Samaritan's compassion moved him to help (1 John 3:17-18).
- **Go Beyond Expectations:** The Samaritan exceeded expectations, showing us that true love goes the extra mile (Matthew 5:40-41).
- **Love is Costly:** Love often requires sacrifice, just as the Samaritan sacrificed his own resources, reflecting Christ's ultimate sacrifice (John 15:13).

Let us commit to noticing the needs of others, acting from compassion, and making the necessary sacrifices that love requires. Although this path can be intimidating, God promises to give us both the desire and the power to do what pleases Him. Perhaps we can start by asking Him for the strength to put love into action.

Points for Discussion

1. *Who might we not consider our neighbour? And why should we love them anyway?*
2. *In what areas do you need to ask God for help in loving others?*