



OWNING THE  
MISSION AND VISION  
OF CHRIST THE KING

Part 3: In With Outsiders  
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**The Parable of the Good Samaritan** LUKE 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered: “‘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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”

Indifference is the conscious decision to sidestep an authentic need.

**Religion says...**

1. Behave

2. Believe

3. Belong

**Relationship says...**

1. Belong

2. Believe

3. Behave

<sup>33</sup> “But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”

Compassion is the response that triggers action.

Efficiency is the opposite of love.

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

### **Why does Jesus' plea for compassion matter so much to us?**

Because we are the man in the road.

### **So, who is my neighbor?**

Anyone whose need I see and am prepared to meet.

### **A Question from our Core Commitments**

Am I consistently reaching out to people who are far from God?

*Am I in?*

### **Next Step: Take on a Group Service Project**

We have a dozen simple service projects through our community partners that are perfect for groups of 6-10 people. Consider rallying a group of friends, family, coworkers, or your small group, then visit [www.ctk.church/serviceprojects](http://www.ctk.church/serviceprojects) to see the variety of projects and sign up for one.

Here's just a sample of the projects available:

- Sewing curtains for Engedi Refuge or Baker House
- Food or supply drives for Lighthouse Mission, Engedi House, or Fostering Together
- Throwing a baby shower for an expecting mom who's receiving care from Whatcom Pregnancy Clinic

### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What was the highlight of your summer?
- 2) Have you ever stopped to help someone? What emotions did you deal with as you decided whether or not to help?
- 3) Are you able to build relationship with people who don't believe what you believe? If so, tell us how you've gone about it. If not, what have been roadblocks?
- 4) Does seeing yourself as the man in the road affect the way you read the story of the Good Samaritan?
- 5) Who are you reaching out to who is far from God? How?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?