

Sermon-based Questions
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Life on Purpose
Love People
Luke 10:25-37

Introduction (choose 1):

1. This week's topic is love people. Is this an easy directive for you or a challenge?
2. We cannot do everything. Some people have a hard time saying no to activities or requests for involvement. What about you? How do you discern the right choice?
3. What are your three biggest rocks that need to go in your jar first?

Reading (Scripture reference):

Read Luke 10:25-37

Understanding (choose 4-6):

4. We are told to **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.**
 - Is there a connection between the two?
 - How and why would the first command make a difference in accomplishing the second?
5. Do you have a "neighbor" you would rather cross the street to avoid?
 - Can anything be done to change your reaction?
 - Do you think there are any justifiable reasons to not love your neighbor?
 - Does loving your neighbor always mean having to become actively involved in their life or are there other ways to be loving?
6. In considering **The Need for Love**, we must acknowledge we all have an emotional, human need for love. In the above examples, it's more than emotional. It's a physical and/or emotional NEED. These are the wounded and hurting people that in some ways are touching our lives.
 - What are a few examples of types of pain that people hide?
 - How do you recognize when someone is hurting emotionally?
7. What about **The Lack of Love**? Is this more prevalent in society today? Why?
8. Dave mentioned three main reasons why there is a lack of love: self-righteousness, busyness and messiness. Please discuss your take on these.

9. How do we begin acting on **The Practice of Love**? What are steps you can take or ideas you can offer?
10. Dave mentioned two characteristics. Please discuss.
 - It's non-discriminating
 - It's sacrificial
11. Now the big question, what is **The Secret to Love**? What was the answer the man gave to Jesus when Jesus asked the question as to who was the neighbor to the injured traveler?
12. When the man answered, he was told to go and do likewise. In applying that to ourselves, what actions can we take concerning the following two responses?
 - You should feel challenged
 - You should feel exposed
13. Do you look at this story differently if you see yourself as the injured traveler and Jesus as the Good Samaritan?

Application:

14. Do you need to reevaluate who or what the three big rocks in your jar need to be?
15. Are you willing to choose what you say yes or no to based on God's choice for you?
16. Are you willing to look and see the wounded travelers around you?

Lectio Divina

1. **Opening Prayer:** Ask God for insight into His Word, for open hearts and minds, for hunger to know Him better, and for an attitude of learning from one another.
2. **Reading:** Have someone from your group read the passage aloud. It is best to print out a copy for each group member so they can read along, make notes, or go back as needed.
3. **Meditation:** Spend an *entire minute in complete silence*, contemplating what was just read. Feel free to re-read the passage quietly to yourself or jot down thoughts/highlight what stuck out to you.
4. **Sharing:** At the leader's signal, invite group members to share their insights for about 5 minutes.
5. **Repeat:** After the 5 minutes are over, repeat the process 2 more times using the same passage. Listen/read like you haven't heard this passage before. If there are longer moments of silence, the leader can prompt discussion with the following questions:
 1. What did you hear and what seems important?
 2. What is the Holy Spirit impressing on you?
 3. What does it make you think of from your life?

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"²⁷ 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'^{28a}; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^{28b}" ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live.

Luke 10:25-28

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^{35a} 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.'³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" **Luke 10:29-36**

³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." **Luke 10:37**