**Everyday Stories of Jesus – Lk. 10:36 - 37**

**Focal Truth: A neighbor is one who shows loving mercy to everyone**

The everyday stories of Jesus answer important questions from people as Jesus preached, taught & healed in His earthly ministry

**The story of the good Samaritan is a famous story of Jesus**

Why does Jesus tell this story?

What is the central truth of the story of the good Samaritan?

Who is your neighbor?

Do you know what it means to love your neighbor as yourself?

**Observations**

1. **A Lawyer stood up to test Jesus asking who is my neighbor?**
2. Lawyers question – What must I do to inherit eternal life?
3. Jesus question – *What is written in the Law? How do you read it?*
4. Lawyers answer – Love God and love your neighbor – Deut. 6:5 & Lev. 19:18
5. Jesus answer – You have answered correctly. *Do this and you will live*
6. Lawyers question – Who is my neighbor?
7. Jesus answer – The story of the good Samaritan
8. Jesus question – *Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to*

 *the one who fell among the robbers?*

1. Lawyers answer – The one who showed mercy to him,
2. ***Command of Jesus*** *–* ***Go and do the same***

***In order to love your neighbor, you must know the mercy of Jesus Christ in salvation!***

2 John 1:3 - *grace and mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love*

**Jesus answers the question – who is my neighbor – with a story**

**Here are three ways believers are to love others as their neighbor**

**2. A neighbor shows loving mercy to everyone whoever they are**

*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, &fell among robbers, & they*

 *Stripped him & beat him & went away leaving him half dead*

 *By chance a priest was going down on that road, & when he say him. He passed*

 *by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place & saw him,*

 *passed by on the other side – 10:30 -32*

 ***But a Samaritan when he saw him, he felt compassion****…10:33*

 **Consider**

Jesus Christ gave His life for all whosoever may come to Him for eternal life

 Believers in Jesus Christ love all people

 **They love their enemies – Matt. 5**

 **They love their friends – John 13**

 Believers do not show prejudice in love for others

 James 2:2 – 4 – *for if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring, dressed in fine*

 *clothes, and there comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, & you pay special attention to the*

 *one who is wearing the fine clothes, & say you sit here in a good place, you say to the poor*

 *man, you stand over there, or sit down by my footstool. Have you not made distinctions*

 *among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?*

 James 2:8 – 10 – *if however, you are fulfilling the* ***royal law*** *according to the Scripture,*

 *you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well. If you show partiality, you are*

 *committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors*

**3. A neighbor shows loving mercy to everyone whenever they need it**

 **He came to him** & *bandaged his wounds, pouring oil & wine on them, put him on*

 *his own beast, & brought him to the inn* ***& took care of him*** *–* 10:33 -34

 **Consider**

Jesus Christ is full of compassion & mercy for sinners in all their needs

 Believers in Christ put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness &

 patience - Col. 3:12

**4. A neighbor shows loving mercy to everyone whatever the cost**

 ***on the next day he took out two denari****, & gave them to the inn keeper and*

 *said, take care of him &* ***whatever more you spend, when I return, I will repay***

 ***you*** *– 10:35*

 **Consider**

Jesus Christ gave His life in mercy – He laid down His life for sinners on the cross

 Believers in Jesus Christ sacrifice for others from loving mercy

 1 Cor. 13:7 – *love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things*

 *Love never fails…now faith, hope, love abide these three, the greatest of these is love*

**Things to Remember & Do**

**1. Loving our neighbor is fulfilling the Law of God**

 Gal. 5:14 – for the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, You shall

 love your neighbor as yourself

**2. Loving our neighbor is loving others as we love ourselves**

 Eph. 4:25 – laying aside falsehood, speak the truth each one of you with his

 neighbor, for we are members of one another

**3. Loving our neighbor is the duty of every believer in Christ**

Rom. 13: 8 – Owe nothing to anyone accept to love one another, for he who loves

 neighbor has fulfilled the Law

 Rom. 13: 10 – love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment

 of the Law

 Rom. 15:2 – Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification

 1 Cor. 10:24 – let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbor

 James 2:8 – if however, you are fulfilling the royal law according to the Scripture,

 you shall love your neighbor as yourself, you are doing well

**Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robber’s hands? The one who showed mercy toward him. Then Jesus said to him, Go and do the same.**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**