

Sermon Title: The Gospel and the Good Samaritan

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1. The premise of the law expert's life was centered on the belief that he would be _____ by God if he was virtuous enough.
2. Both Old Testament commandments about loving God and loving your neighbor were centered on a _____ with God.
3. The road between Jericho and Jerusalem was ____ miles long and dropped over _____ feet in elevation from Jerusalem to Jericho.
4. Being left 'half-dead' meant the Jewish man was no longer able to help himself and was going to die if he did not receive _____ intervention.
5. The Priest was a venerated position within Jewish society. They were responsible for making _____ atonement for the Jews.
6. The Levite was an _____ in the Temple and actually helped to feed the poor of Jewish society.
7. Samaritans were formerly Israelites from the _____ Kingdom of Israel.
8. Compassion is a deeper sense of caring that goes far beyond _____ obligation.
9. We tend to help people that we like, who like us and are _____ us.
10. Galatians 6:2 – "Carry each other's _____, and this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
11. According to Jesus, _____ is our neighbor!
12. In the story of the Good Samaritan we are the _____ and Jesus is the _____.
13. It is only when we truly embrace what _____ has done for us that we can, in turn, love our neighbor in the radical way in which Jesus describes the Samaritan loving the dying Jew on the road to Jericho.

"If we are never obliged to relieve others' burdens except when we can do it without burdening ourselves, then how do we bear our neighbor's burdens when we bear no burden at all?"

Jonathan Edwards

Answers: 1) accepted 2) relationship 3) 18 – 2,600 4) medical 5) spiritual 6) assistant 7) Northern 8) moral 9) like 10) burdens 11) everyone 12) dying Jew - Samaritan 13) Jesus

Questions for Discussion in House Churches

- 1) Can you name a time when someone sacrificially served you when you didn't deserve it?
- 2) Talk about the barriers in your personal life to serving and loving your neighbor the way the Samaritan did.
- 3) How does rehearsing what Jesus did for us help change our heart towards helping others?
- 4) What tangible things are you wanting to change in this area of your life?