Series: Know Jesus to be Like Jesus Message: When Good Crowds out the Best

February 3, 2019

The question before the question: What is Good?

Luke 10:25-37

Simple answer: love

Deeper question: what does love require of me?

A: To see and respond.

A missed opportunity

The right heart- the wrong choice. Luke 10:38-42

Making a better choice.

- Remember everything is <u>spiritual</u>. Colossians 3:17
- Learn to ask: Does this really <u>matter?</u>
 Luke 10:41 | Proverbs 10:19-21 | Matthew 6:33
- Learn to Ask: What does God want me to do today? Philippians 2:13 | Luke 3:21-22; 4:1, 18-19, 42-44 | Luke 6:12-13

We find our assignment the same way Jesus found out his assignment.

- The Spirit
- The Word
- Prayer

Life Group Study

For week of February 3, 2019

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What is one word or phrase that describes your journey with Jesus today?

What is one word(s) of encouragement you can share with the person on your left?

Connect to God's story

Read Luke 10:25-28

According to Jesus, what should be a person's two priorities in life?

Are these your priorities too? Why or why not?

To love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength are not meant to be distinct parts of a personality, but rather this would be understood as loving God with your whole being. How do you love God like this?

In what way does how we love our neighbor show how we love our God? Is loving God possible without loving our neighbor?

Read Luke 10:29-37.

The expert in religious law had two motivations for asking Jesus these questions. What were they?

How do you respond when God expands loving others beyond what you're comfortable with?

When it comes to loving God, what does love require? When it comes to loving people, what does love require?

Read Luke 6:32-36.

Jesus is leading us to be kind and merciful to ungrateful and evil people which is WAY beyond loving neighbors. Is this "way of loving" that Jesus describes different than what you typically experience in your day-to-day life? If so, how?

How would our world change if we loved like our Father loves?

Spend some time praying about ways you can love the way our Father does this week. It's a radical love but if you're willing the Holy Spirit will help you do it!

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you."

- John 15:12 (NLT)

My Prayer for 2019

My Lord and Savior Jesus, thank you for your gift of grace to me. My soul hungers for you. I want to know you – not just intellectually, but relationally. I give you permission to tear down every false thought, every lie, and every stronghold the Enemy has established within me.

I will pursue my relationship with you with my whole heart. I will hold nothing back from you. I am open and willing to receive the good things you have planned for me.

Lask:

Work your good in me so that I might reflect you more. Work your good for me so that I might receive all that you intend for me.

Work your good through me so that all around me, people will experience your love and goodness and be drawn to you.

I am open and ready for all you will do in, for, and through me.

I love you, Jesus.

Amen

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer:

- Praise God! We have a new power pole and supply in the new building.
- Pray for drywall to finish ahead of schedule.
- Pray for construction timeline that things continue to move on time.
- Pray for a heart that is responsive to need around you.
- Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- Pray for the ongoing funding of the building project and for the safety of all workers involved.
- Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.