

November 21, 2010

Being a Good Neighbour

Luke 10:25-37

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'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

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 travelled, 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 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 neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

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

1. Mercy is a _____.

For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what is left. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove. *Exodus 23:10-11*

2. Mercy is a _____.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. *1 John 3:17-18*

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Sharing a comment with the church leaders

Today I attended the service at:

- 9.30am 11.30am 5pm

On the:

- 1st Floor 2nd Floor

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Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:13-17

3. Mercy is a _____.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful...give and it shall be given back to you.

Luke 6:36, 38

Recipients of Mercy:

"...Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Prisoners

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. *Hebrews 13:3*

Poor

The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern. *Proverbs 29:7*

Widows

Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. *Deuteronomy 24:17*

Refugees

He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. *Deuteronomy 10:18*

Orphans

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. *Psalms 82:3*

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. *James 1.27*

TELL US ABOUT YOU

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Do you have a praise item or a prayer request? Do you want to learn more about how you can get connected at Island ECC? Please take a moment to complete **both** sides of this form and place it in the offering bag, or at a designated box on the 1st or 2nd floor.

Name _____

Mobile Number _____ Email _____

Praise / Prayer _____

- If my praise / prayer request is shared publicly with the congregation at a Sunday service, please keep my name anonymous.