

Series: 7 Habits of a Disciple
Message: A Sacrificial Life
Who is my Neighbor?
Text: Luke 10:25-37 (AM 5/07/17)

A religious scholar asked Jesus a question two thousand years ago that still haunts us today. The lawyer or theologian asked, “*And who is my neighbor?*” The question has little to do with personal *geography* and everything to do with personal *responsibility*. This morning we’ll probe the depths of this question and learn what *Jesus expects* of His followers. God strategically plants His Church to touch hurting humanity. The 7th habit of Christ’s Disciple is to be a good neighbor living – A Sacrificial Life. The Parable of the Good Samaritan reminds us the reality that, *we are Jesus to our hurting world!*

1st Jesus, give us your *Heart to See* (25-33)

We are Jesus’ eyes to our hurting world

- *Enable us to see people in their pain (33a) “When he saw him...”*
- *Enable us to see people passionately (33b) “He had compassion...”*
- *Enable us to see people w/out prejudice (33c) “A certain Samaritan...”*

2nd Jesus, give us your *Hands to Serve* (34-35)

We are Jesus’ hands to our hurting world

- *Empower us to serve personally (34a) “So he went to him...”*
- *Empower us to serve perceptively (34b) “He...bandaged his wounds”*
- *Empower us to serve whatever the price (35) “Take care of him...”*

3rd Jesus, give us your *Hope to Share* (36-37)

We are Jesus’ advocate to our hurting world

- *Enjoin us with a Kingdom perspective (33) “As he journeyed...”*
- *Enjoin us to be Kingdom people (36) “Which...was (the) neighbor?”*
- *Enjoin us to be Kingdom participants (37) “Go and do likewise...”*

Application to life: People care little about what we *know* until they discover how much we *care*. The Gospel travels well on the arms of *compassion*. May we be willing to be the *eyes*, *hands*, and *influence* of Jesus in our world. Being a *Good Samaritan* is more than an action, it’s a Kingdom lifestyle.