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Who Is My Neighbor?

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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 neighbor 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 neighbor?" **Luke 10:25-29, NIV**

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21, NIV

We keep offering Jesus our _____. He's asking for our _____: Treasure _____ as he treasures _____.

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 traveled, 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.' **Luke 10:30-35, NIV**

⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

2 Corinthians 8:5, NIV

Where the heart _____, the hands will _____. And by "hands" we mean _____.

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor 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." **Luke 10:36-37, NIV**

We ask Jesus for a _____. He responds by reminding us of our _____: _____ God. _____ people.

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. **Mark 10:21, NIV**

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1, NIV

¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **1 John 4:10, NIV**

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. **1 John 4:11-12, NIV**

Extravagant love is never _____.

MEMORY VERSE

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **1 John 4:11, NIV**

My next step: I will make an impact by *becoming* a neighbor. I will receive Jesus' extravagant love for me and respond by fulfilling my God-given purpose in life.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.