

Date: August 16, 2020

Lesson 9: "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR"

Focal and Background Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Purpose Statement: "To learn who our neighbors might be"

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What does it mean to you to love God with "all your being" – your heart, soul, mind and strength?**
- 2. Do you see yourself as a co-laborer with God? How?**
- 3. What acts of love and kindness might you share with others this coming week?**

Conclusion:

Jesus' final word to this Pharisee was, "Go and do likewise" (verse 37). This is our assignment as well. Hurt is everywhere and on all sides. We do not have to search for pain and trouble. It is all around us. This scripture text so clearly calls us to let God's love abiding in us flow to others around us. John Wesley referred to this as scriptural holiness and social holiness. Jesus said that when we minister to others and provide for their needs, it is the same as doing it for him (Matthew 25:31-46)

Take time this week to be a neighbor who cares and shares. This week, life will present us with many opportunities in various places to be hands, feet, and mouth of Jesus. Our challenge is to go so that others might see God's unconditional

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for your love and care that knows no bounds or limits. Give us hearts that look beyond the outer surface of others so that we might freely display the love of a compassionate Savior; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Reference:

Adult Bible Studies, Community Summer 2020, pp 110-118