

SERMON NOTES

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GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Luke 10:25-37

I. LTN: EXPERIENCING THE MERCY GOD OFFERS

(Luke 10:25) And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Matthew 5:3) "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (2 Corinthians 8:9) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

II. LTN: EXTENDING THE MERCY GOD REQUIRES

- **Love for our neighbors is not OPTIONAL.**

(Luke 10:36,37) "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same." (Proverbs 14:31) He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him. (Mark 10:21) Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

- **Love for our neighbors is to be TANGIBLY EXPRESSED.**

(Luke 10:33,34) But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (Matthew 25:35,36) For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.

- **Love for our neighbors is SURPRISING IN ITS SCOPE.**

(Luke 10:33) But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion. (Matthew 25:40) The King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." (Matthew 5:43,44) "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."