



## Introduction

1. The Jewish religious authorities were becoming increasingly hostile to Jesus. They were trying to trap Him. (Matthew 22:46)
2. An expert in the law asked *"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"* His response to Jesus showed the condition of his soul.
3. He also asked, *"Who is my neighbor?"* This scribe had to be shown the condition of his heart. Jesus did it with story.

## I. The Story of the Good Samaritan.

- A. This story is about a real place and real people.
- B. The 4 characters in the story: Traveler, Priest, Levite, and Samaritan.
- C. *"Which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"*

## II. Lessons from the Good Samaritan Story.

### A. Being a neighbor starts with being \_\_\_\_\_.

- Prejudice -
- Pride -

### B. Being a neighbor is \_\_\_\_\_.

- The voices of risk: *"I might get hurt in that part of town."* *"I could lose my job."* *"It's not worth it."* *"You can't help everyone."*
- Pity says *"It's not about me; I'll do what I can."*
- We can't help everyone, but we can help those within our reach. *Who is within your reach?*
- Don't turn your head and walk past them!
- Loving people is usually messy! (Philippians 2:3-4)

**C. Being a neighbor is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- It always costs time and money! (\$500!)
- James 2:15-17
- "We barely have enough for ourselves." "I'll be late." "My family is more important."*

**D. Being a neighbor is \_\_\_\_\_.**

- I John 3:16-18
- Compassion flows out of our love for God. We begin to feel what He feels.
- Practical ways to be a neighbor: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is holding me back from being real?

2. Who is within my reach?

3. What is breaking my heart?

4. What does God want me to do next?