

Lessons From the Journeys

A Samaritan Who Showed Mercy



While Jesus was on a journey (Luke 9:51, 57; 10:1, 38), he was “put to the _____” by a lawyer: “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (10:25). Jesus replied with a question of his own and the lawyer responded well by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18.

But he, desiring to _____ himself, said to Jesus, “And _____ is my neighbor?” (10:29)

So Jesus told a story (10:30-35) about four men who were on a journey:

- One who was harassed and ended up helpless and half _____.
- A priest who was going down the road by _____.
- A Levite who came to the same place in the road and _____ the man.
- A Samaritan who showed the man _____.

“Which of these three _____ to be a neighbor? ... You go, and do _____” (10:36-37).

Jesus is not asking us to do anything he himself would not or has not done (Matt 9:35-38). But ever since, it has been terribly easy on our own journeys through life...

- To not really “_____”
- To _____ even more from the already vulnerable
- To feel little, if any, _____
- To view individuals as one of a _____ with a face
- To say, “Not my _____.”
- To rationalize, “Not my _____.”
- To balance, “I don’t _____ them.”
- To think, “Someone _____ will.”
- To excuse, “I’ve _____ got a lot going on.”
- To fail to _____

Who proved to be a neighbor (Matt 11:19)? The one who showed _____ (Gr. *e/leos*) - not simply, “I did something wrong, please forgive me,” but “_____!” (Matt 9:27; 15:22; 17:15; 20:30).

Two questions to carry with you:

- Which of the three on the road continued their journey with the most _____?
- Where will _____ have the opportunity to show mercy this week?