

Vision 2027
Week 2 - Meet
Building Relationships that lead to Gospel Transformation
We will be an engaging people.
Luke 10:25-37
January 15, 2023

Recap from last week:

Magnify – Matthew 25 “we will be a rejoicing people.” What do I have to rejoice in?

What am I leaving behind? Money, possessions sure but what about righteousness and truth? How am I stewarding what God has given me?

This morning: Meet – “We will be an engaging people.”

Here are the people in our account in Luke 10 this morning:

A certain lawyer – (v. 25) – knew the law, was an expert in Jewish and Rabbinical law

Not by works (v. 27) but Jesus knew what and why He was asking so He knew what questions needed to be asked.

“Certain man” (v. 30) is a Jew, he would have been traveling 17 miles with over a 3,000 foot drop in elevation during his route.

Priest – officiating and interpret the Law.

Levite – helper of the Priest

Samaritan – Jews and Samaritans had historical roots (see Luke 9:51–56; John 4:9, 20). When Assyria conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, many Israelites were exiled from the land, but some were left behind. Then the Assyrians brought many captives from other lands to Israel. As a result, many Jews intermarried with these peoples. The Samaritans of Jesus’s day were descendants of those intermarriages, and the animosity between Jew and Samaritan was strong.¹

What did the Samaritan do?

He stopped (v. 33).

He had compassion (v. 33, what is it and do we have it?).

¹ Evans, T. (2019). [*The Tony Evans Bible Commentary*](#) (p. 983). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

He got dirty (v. 34).

He spent his money (vs. 34-26-he made an investment).

He took time out of his plans (v. 35).

We can't neglect our neighbors. It can be so easy in our "business" and living our life that we neglect others. We must constantly remind ourselves though that God has called us to love Him with all that we are and to love our neighbors as our self? We can't love our neighbors (house, co-worker, friend, etc.) if we don't know them.

Sharing the Gospel is an act of love.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**

Are we living in a manner that is inadvertently still asking, "Who is my neighbor"? Are we truly being a neighbor?

Can't neglect our duty in the here and now to be Salt and Light to a lost and dying world. We do what God has called us to do, the feelings will come.

¹⁸ So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." ²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. ²² For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Acts 4:18-22

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:29-31

Prayer Focus:

- **Invest – Not just once, but over time.**
- **Invite – Dinner, church, movie, party?**
- **Include – Live your life with them?**