



It's Time (4U+2): Being an Agent of Life-Changing Love

Luke 10:25-37

OPEN

Share a time when:

- You were the beneficiary of a Good Samaritan's (loving neighbor's) care in your life.
- Or--
- You were a Good Samaritan for someone in need.

In either case...what did you experience during and after these acts of kindness?

DISCUSS

Read Luke 10:25-37 aloud.

- What do you think was at the heart of the expert in the law questioning Jesus?
- What do you know about each of the characters mentioned in this story?
- Why would this parable have been so shocking—even convicting—for those listening to Jesus?
- How is Jesus like a Good Samaritan? What does he challenge his followers to do?
- What is the irreducible core of Jesus' teaching in this passage?

As you think about your own faith journey (right now) where would you honestly place yourself between these two good faith dynamics:



What are the barriers or challenges to being MORE of a Good Samaritan today?



We often live our lives to secure comfort and protection relationally, physically, and emotionally. Looking to serve others...especially those who may require extra care...can be scary as one counts the cost of the potential sacrifice to journey with someone in need. Think of times when you have encountered those needing sacrificial help...what questions first filled your mind in the moments of decision to act or pass by?

Why do you think more people do not share the witness of God's life-changing love in their lives with others?

When was the last time you invited someone to church? To your group? To take a *faith risk* of some kind so another could experience God's grace through you?

YOUR NEXT STEP...

Read the story of the Good Samaritan each day this week.

Make a list of those people who come to mind who need someone (you) to simply care and engage them in some way. How do you sense God prompting you to respond to one or more on this list?

Who in your circles of relationships of life (neighbors) could you share an invitation of some kind (to hear your faith story, to invite to church or your group, other...)? What will you do?