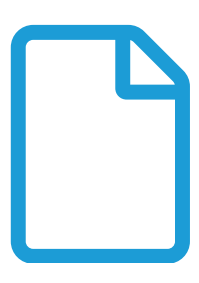





RADICAL LOVE AT WORK

1. FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD?



Introduction

God loves everyone, right? And so Christians should love everyone too!
If the expert in the law was mistaken because he wanted to limit who he had to love, then is is always wrong to be selective about who we love?

 **Big Picture**

The parable of the Good Samaritan isn't about loving everyone, it's about loving anyone.



Bible Passage

But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:33-37



Key Truths

1. The Samaritan is the example of how to love our neighbours because he loved the person in need God brought across his path.
2. There were many people in Jerusalem, Jericho, and the rest of Israel who needed help, who the Samaritan could potentially have helped if he hadn't stopped for this beaten man - but he isn't held accountable for them - he is praised for loving the man before him.
3. The expert in the law wants to legitimately ignore people around him who need his help so he can limit his love to those like him - Jesus doesn't grant him this loophole.

Thoughts? Questions?



Application

In our global 24 hours news cycle world, we can often feel guilty for issues that have nothing to do with us; while being ignorant of the issues right outside our doors (or in the desk diagonally opposite).

Are you getting overwhelmed by the needs of the world? It may be that you are trying to take on the role of God, rather than sitting under his plan to care for the people he brings across your path.

We can only help the people God brings across our path. (Indeed, when we try to intervene across the globe as wealthy Christians from a different culture, we can hurt more than we help - check out chalmers.org). It is God's job to care for the whole world; under God it is our job to care for those he brings across our path.

Who are the people God is bringing across your path - or bringing to your attention - that you need to have compassion for?

Our sinful hearts will often seek ways to ignore the people around us, in order to care for potential people. Who are the people you may be overlooking who need your care?

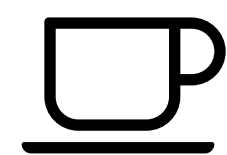


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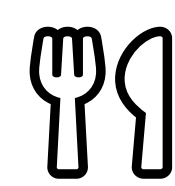
Pray that God would reveal the people who he is bringing across your path for whom you need to care.

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