INTERPRETING THE PARABLES OF JESUS

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LESSON 3

THE JERICHO EXPRESSIVAY



The Parable of the Good Samaritan

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To continue demonstrating a method of parable-interpretation, but now in a way that is less mechanical.
- 2To interpret the Parable of the Good Samaritan on its own terms and apply its meanings to our personal lives and communities of faith today.
- 3 To introduce a "questioning approach" to small-group Bible study that can be applied to any parable or passage.

5 Categories of Parables

- 1 Parables of Seedtime and Harvest
- 2 Parables of Search and Rescue
- 3 Parables of Costly Grace
- 4 Parables of the Hour of Decision
- 5 The Final Hour or Hour of Reckoning
 - All are parables of the kingdom!

3 PARABLES OF COSTLY GRACE: Disciples of the Kingdom. Conditions of Discipleship. The Community of the Kingdom.

- 1 The Bridegroom and the Wedding Guests
- 2 The Salt of the Earth
- 3 The Lamp and the Basket
- 4 The Lamp of the Body
- 5 Mr. Crow & Sister Rose or Birds and Flowers
- 6 Log in the Eye
- 7 Eye of the Needle

3 PARABLES OF COSTLY GRACE: Disciples of the Kingdom. Conditions of Discipleship. The Community of the Kingdom.

- 8 The Treasure and the Pearl
- 9 Treasures New and Old
- 10 The Unmerciful Servant / Unforgiving Slave
- 11 The Good Samaritan
- 12 The Tower Builder
- 13 The Slave at Duty / The Servant's Reward
- 14 The Unjust Judge

Dietrich Bonheoffer

Cheap grace is the mortal enemy of our church. Our struggle today is for costly grace.

I: LOVE ON TRIAL

Luke 10:25-28

Luke 10:25-26

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

Luke 10:27

And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:28-29

And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

A: The Lawyer and His Two Questions

The lawyer first question: What must I do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus:

What is written in the law?

The lawyer's second question: Who is my neighbor?

B: On Loving Neighbours and Enemies

With the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answers both of the lawyer's questions:

What must I do to inherit eternal life?
Who is my neighbour?

C: The Story of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:30-31

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:32-33

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he [was moved with] compassion.

Luke 10:34

He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Luke 10:35

And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back."

A: Fellow Travelers on the Jericho Expressway

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Priests and Levites

What do you know about priests and Levites in the time of Jesus (Luke 10:31-32)? Why do you think Jesus made the priest the the Levite first to encounter the victim on the road to Jericho?

B: Creed without Compassion



III: LOVE WITHOUT LIMINATIONS

A: Moving Away and Moving Toward

a parable of contrast

- Type A: ANTI-neighbour
- Type B: PRO-neighbour

Why a Samaritan?

Why do you think Jesus made a Samaritan the model of compassion and love for God and neighbour?

B: Moved with Compassion

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moved with compassion

- 1. The Samaritan came near the victim.
- 2. He saw him.
- 3. He approached him.
- 4. He poured oil and wine on his wounds.
- 5. He bandaged them.
- 6. He put him on his animal.
- 7. He brought him to an inn.
- 8. He took care of him.
- 9. He paid the bill in advance.
- 10. He told the innkeeper to care for him and pledged to cover any further costs.

seven stories of compassion

- 1. On seeing the crowds in Galilee
- 2. Before feeding the 5000
- 3. Before feeding the 4000
- 4. Before healing two blind men
- 5. Before cleansing a leper
- 6. The demon possessed boy
- 7. Before raising the son of a widow

What three things do these seven stories have in common? In every case:

- 1. Jesus is moved with compassion.
- 2. Compassion moves Jesus to act.
- 3. Miracles follow.

What does this tell us about miracles?

C: The Way to Eternal Life

Luke 10:36-37

:36 "Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

:37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION

Who is my neighbour?

NO ONE IS EXCLUDED!

What must I do to inherit eternal life?
GO AND DO LIKEWISE!

1 John 3:14, 17-18

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. ... 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION



Jacob Marley to Ebenezer Scrooge:

"Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

Charles Dickens – A Christmas Carol

hit-and-run in China

18 people passed by on the other side

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Wesley Autrey

Construction was his job. Compassion was his business.



William Wilberforce

I am permanently hurt about the slave trade.

Politics was his job.
Compassion was his business.



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3 NOMINATIONS AUX OSCARS'
MEILLEUR MEILLEUR MEILLEURE
ACTEUR SCENARIO ACTRICE DANS UN ROLE PRINCIPAL ORIGINAL DANS UN SECOND ROLE

DON CHEADLE **SOPHIE OKONEDO** ET NICK NOLTE

Quand le monde a fermé ses yeux, il a ouvert ses bras.

D'APRES UNE HISTOIRE VRAIE

LONG SATE ENTERANCED WERE EXECUTORAGE IN TERANGES ON CHROIC ON TRAINE DIVATIONE DISSIPATIVE PRODUTTERASSICATION ARE INSIDE THACK ON FLUTE FERTY GEORGE "HOTEL RINARDA" DON CHEADLE SOPHIE DIONED JUANUM PROENTE NETENDOTE DECEMBRE LA PRINCEIRA ROBERT FRANCE NICHE TONY BURROUGH JOHANN BREED MUNIAS NAONA GERAGHTY WISHUR ANDREA GUERRA RUPERT GREGSON-MILLIAMS. AFRO CEUT SOUND SYSTEM









invitations to respond and pray

1 Who are you in the story?

Robber: one who hurts others?

Victim: one who is *hurt* by others?

Priest / Levite: hurries past the hurting?

Samaritan: one who heals the hurting?

Innkeeper: one who helps the healer?

Charles Rice (adapted)

invitations to respond and pray

- 1 Who are you in the story?
- 2 Are you moved with compassion?
- 3 Do you have an off-duty attitude?
- 4 Who have you passed by?

Draw a circle that takes them in

He drew a circle that shut me out Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout. But love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in!

Charles Edwin Markham –

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

