



Sermon Outline
July 31, 2022
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Serve When You
Are Too Busy

Luke 10:25-37

Step in to serve! We conclude our 3-week series today where we are reaching out to everyone in our church family calling us to step into a place of service and ministry. Use the gifts, talents and efforts that God has given you to serve him. Make your move...today.

I hate _____.

Luke 10:30

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

The story appears _____. It could have been a real event, doesn't appear that it was...but a parable that Jesus spoke in order to make a point in the presence of a busy attorney.

Luke 10:25

*On one occasion an **expert in the law** stood up to test Jesus.*

This is a _____!

So...the key figure of this encounter is not a man who got beat up...but some high-class attorney.

In order to get the attention of this legal specialist...Jesus poses a _____.

³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Pay attention to the phrases...even those few words define something important..."other side"...don't get _____.

³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

The test question is posed...

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

That's the _____!

Jesus told him, " _____ likewise."

It appears the test is not if you can figure out the right answer. The test is to do what you are smart enough to know should be done. It is not about brainpower. It is about the will and conviction to shape the _____ of your life.

Here is the test...

What does it mean to '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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'?