

BLESS EVERY HOME
Week #1 - Prayer
Luke 10:25-37

How well do you know your neighbors?

- To call them if you need help?
- To trust that they'd put themselves at risk to help you?
- To realize whether something horrible is happening in the house down the street?

Let's make this a little more personal this morning for us at Beach Beacon:

- How many of you know, by names, the neighbors that live on your left and right?
- How many know your neighbor across the street?
- If we would come to your house with a stack of \$50 and give you one for each neighbor that you know, have spoken to, and have shared a meal with how many \$50 bills would you get?

Well you might ask me the question, "who is my neighbor?"

Jesus is asked that same question in **Luke 10** by a lawyer (**Scribe**).

Luke 10: 25-29

- It would be expected that Rabbis would discuss theological matters in public.
- And the question that the lawyer (Scribe) asked Jesus was one that was often debated by the Jews. (**what must I do to inherit eternal life?**)
- It was a good question, but it was asked with a bad motive (he was attempting to trap Jesus by His answer).
- Jesus sends the lawyer back to the Law not because the Law saves, but it rather shows us that we need to be saved.
 - **Galatians 2:15 - 16**
 - **Romans 3:19 - 20**
- The lawyer attempted to justify himself by using an old debating tactic of asking Jesus to define His terms – What do you mean by neighbor – who is my neighbor?

Look at Luke 10:30-37

- Jesus does not say that His response was a parable – so in fact it could have been a real event.
- The road to Jerusalem to Jericho (17 miles) was dangerous, and is still dangerous today, so the man fell among thieves.
 - They stripped him.
 - Beat him.
 - Left him half dead.
- The first person to come by is a Priest, he just crosses the street and continues on his way.
- A Levite is next to come by the man and he passed by on the other side.
- A Samaritan comes by on a journey.
 - Notice that there is a word that is not used with the Priest or the Levite, and that word is compassion.
 - Sympathy is good but compassion puts legs on the emotion. (8 things)
 - He came to him.
 - Bandaged up his wounds.
 - Poured oil and wine on his wounds.
 - Put him on his beast.
 - Took him to an Inn.
 - Took care of him.
 - Gave the Inn Keeper 2 denarii (a day's wages) (64 days' worth of care)
 - Take care of him and whatever you spend I will repay you.
- Jesus then turns to the lawyer and asks a question, “which 1 of these 3 do you think PROVED to be a neighbor to this man?”
- The one that “showed mercy toward him.”
- Go and do the same.
- I think that this is Jesus' challenge to us even today some 2000 years later.

Today we began a 4-week Sermon Series entitled “*Bless Every Home*”.

Every day I get the names of 5 of my neighbors and something to pray for them with Scripture.

- Tuesday – **Romans 14:13** (interact with my neighbors without judgment)

Our Mission Statement – To be a beacon of God’s love to the community and the world.

Our Vision Statement – To invest and invite those without a Church Family to come and join us here at Beach Beacon.

So, what is it going to be Beach Beacon, are we going to be a Church Family of Priests, Scribes, or will we choose to be good Samaritans?