

Title: Won't you be my neighbor?

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Target: You won't be able to love God fully, if you don't see yourself correctly, and if you don't see yourself correctly, you won't be in relationships from a place of healthiness.

I. **Savior's-Love:** *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13)

A. Sees our Condition: *"When He saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless..."* (Matthew 9:36)

B. Heals our Wounds: *"by His wounds (stripes) we are healed"* (Isaiah 53:5)

C. Carries us in our Weakness: *"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"* (Isaiah 53:4)

D. Pays the Full Price: *"You were bought with a price"* (1 Corinthians 6:20) *"It is finished"* (John 19:30)

Question #1: *Jesus saw the crowds and had compassion on them (Matthew 9:36). When you look at people around you—especially those in need—what do you see? How does this compare to how Jesus sees them?*

Question #2: *Isaiah 53:5 says, "By His wounds, we are healed." In what ways has Christ's sacrifice brought healing to your life? Are there wounds you are still holding onto that you need to surrender to Him?*

Question #3: *What does it mean to you personally that Jesus "bore our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Isaiah 53:4)? How does this truth change the way you approach your own struggles?*

Question #4: *If Jesus paid the full price for us (1 Corinthians 6:20), how should this impact the way we live and love others sacrificially?*

II. **Sacrificial-Love:** *"And Jesus said to him, 'You go and do likewise'."* (Luke 10:37)

A. Eyes to See: *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others"* (Phillipians 2:4)

B. Scars Bring Healing: *"so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God"* (2 Corinthians 1:5)

C. Lighten the Load: *"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."* (Galatians 6:2)

D. Grace Inspires Generosity: *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.* (Hebrews 13:16)

Question #5: *Philippians 2:4 tells us to look beyond our own interests. What keeps you from truly seeing the needs of others? How can you be more intentional about living selflessly?*

Question #6: *Think of a time when someone carried your burdens (Galatians 6:2). How did that impact you? How can you be that person for someone else right now?*

Question #7: *Hebrews 13:16 reminds us that generosity pleases God. Do you find it easier to give your time, money, or emotional support? What area is God challenging you to be more generous in?*

III. Self-Love: *“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 10:27)

A. Know Your Worth in Christ: *“he saw him”* (Luke 10:32)

B. See Yourself with Compassion: *“he had compassion”* (Luke 10:33)

C. Address Your Emotional and Spiritual Wounds: *“bound up his wounds, pouring oil and wine”* (Luke 10:34)

D. Support Yourself with the Right People: *“set him on his own animal”* (Luke 10:34)

E. Invest in Your Well-Being: *“brought him to an inn and took care of him”* (Luke 10:35)

Question #8: *What emotional or spiritual wounds do you need to address in order to love others from a place of wholeness?*

Question #9: *Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron sharpens iron.” Who are the people in your life that help you grow spiritually and emotionally? Are you surrounding yourself with the right people?*

Question #10: *The Samaritan made an intentional effort to invest in the wounded man’s well-being (Luke 10:35). What practical steps can you take to care for your own well-being—spiritually, emotionally, and physically?*

Takeaway: Unhealthy self-love seeks validation, control, and pleasure at the expense of others, leading to pride, emptiness, and broken relationships. But godly self-love embraces grace, healing, and stewardship, allowing us to love others from a place of wholeness rather than neediness.

Neighborly Love Challenge

This week, let's put Jesus' words into action: **"Go and do likewise."** (Luke 10:37)

Your Challenge:

1. **See** – Ask God to open your eyes to someone in need around you. It could be a coworker, friend, family member, or even a stranger.

2. **Serve** – Take one intentional action to meet that need. It could be offering encouragement, buying someone a meal, praying with them, or simply listening.
3. **Sacrifice** – Give in a way that stretches you—whether it's your time, resources, or comfort.
4. **Share** – At the next group meeting, share how this challenge impacted you. How did it feel to love your "neighbor"? How did they respond? What did God teach you?