



Silverdale Baptist Church  
7 Commands of Christ ~ 3. Love One Another  
John 13:34-35, Luke 10:30-37 ~ 04/20-21/2024

### Big Idea

### Big Question

**Who is your neighbor?**

**Are you loving them in a way that they know you are their neighbor?**

### Getting Started

**Pastor Tony mentioned Good Samaritan Laws in his message. Have you ever been the Good Samaritan?**

**Or, has a Good Samaritan ever come to your rescue?**

**Tell us about it.**

### Learn

*"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next*

day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.'<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"<sup>37</sup> "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same." (Luke 10:30-37)

| HAVE SOMEONE READ LUKE 10:30-37.

## The Way of The Cruel

None of us would beat a man, rob him, and leave him lying in the ditch.

But how often have we:

**Stolen the affections of someone else's husband or wife?**

**Stolen someone's reputation through gossip or half-truths?**

**Stolen someone's position at work or even church because we thought we were better than them?**

## The Way of The Callous

*A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he **passed by on the other side.** (Luke 10:31)*

*Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it. (James 4:17)*

| READ JAMES 4:17.

**When it comes to loving others, what "right thing" are you NOT doing?**

**When have you "passed by" a situation or person in need because it was just too inconvenient?**

## The Way of Christ

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**" (John 13:35)*

| HAVE SOMEONE READ JOHN 13:35

**What is the one universal mark of a Christ follower?**

### 1. Overcome Your Prejudice

*But a **Samaritan** on his journey came up to him (Luke 10:33)*

*Racism is not a skin issue; racism is a sin issue. – Pastor Tony*

## 2. Practically Care For People

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## 3. You Must Make Some Sacrifices

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We know love and prejudice cannot live in the same heart. Pastor Tony gave us two clear ways to deal with prejudice in our lives: practically caring for people and making sacrifices to help them. These two actions will replace hate with love.

**Where is your struggle when it comes to prejudice?**

**What practical steps can you take to show compassion for one of the people you are struggling to love?**

*"You can't change the whole world,  
but you can change the whole world of one." - Joe Smith*

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*"I give you a new command: **Love one another**. Just as I have loved you, you are also to **love one another**.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another**." (John 13:34-35)*

## APPLY

**Who is your neighbor?**

**Genuine Christ followers are known for their love. What are you known for?**

**How are you showing love to people around you?**

**What has the Holy Spirit shown you?**

**What will you do with what you have learned?**

## Pray

Father, teach us to love each other like Jesus loved us. Search us and show us any area in our hearts where we are more like the robbers or the priests than the Samaritan. Give us the faith and courage to repent and love like Jesus. In His name, amen.