



Week 3 // Sanctifying

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Big Idea from the Message

When we profess that the Church is 'holy', we are drawn into the missionary activity of the Triune God as a 'sanctifying' church. ACTS churches demonstrate the effects of forgiveness and healing to the world, not just to their own members.

Connect

1. We are all in need of help from time to time. Who do you ask for help in each of these settings most often...
 - Work/School
 - Home
 - Personal struggles
2. What determines whom you ask for help? What determines whom you do NOT ask for help?

Digging Deeper

We are looking today at the story of the Good Samaritan. Open your Bible to Luke 10

3. Before we look at this famous story that Jesus tells, let's start by looking at the situation that leads to Jesus telling the story. Read Luke 10:25. Why is this question so important? This is coming from someone who has a level of understanding in regards to faith matters. How might someone who does not believe in Christ ask a similar question? How is our response different (or the same) between those two types of people?
4. Read verses 26-27. What is the source for the answer to this question? What answer does this man give Jesus?
5. Read verse 28. Jesus gives two statements in response. What are they? Which does Jesus put more of an emphasis on? Why do you think that is the case?

6. What was the real goal of the man asking these questions of Jesus (v. 29)? How do we have that same goal in our everyday life? Why is that such a dangerous mindset to have?
7. Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-35. There were two individuals who passed by the injured man. What reasons do we have to assume they would have stopped to help? What reasons do you think they came up with to not help?
8. What are some instances where the religious (Christians) ignore the needs around them?
9. One individual acts and helps the man in need. Why might we assume he would not help the man? What, in your opinion, caused the man to stop and help?
10. Notice the man did not just offer assistance in that moment and then move on. What is the power in committing yourself to long-term care and assistance over a 'one off' approach?

Live It Out

11. We often associate serving the needs of those in the world around us as a daunting task that we are not able to accomplish. There are very simple instructions in verse 37. What are we called to do?
12. Before we can offer anything to anyone, we must first recognize that God has done the ultimate good for us. How can the gift we have been given, in love, from God motivate us to this approach to our life?

Lifting it up

Pray for each of these locations and circumstances. Pray that God may reveal to you more clearly the need of those you interact with. Pray that God may open doors for you to serve Him in the lives of others. Pray for boldness to act on the needs presented to you...

- In your home/family
- In your neighborhood you live
- In your commute to and from work
- In your local community