



Am I A Good Neighbor?

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Series: Parables, #2

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Theme: **Believers demonstrate their faith by being good neighbors.**

Correcting some misconceptions.

1. Being a good neighbor does not make one a Christian. (25-28)
2. A good neighbor does not draw lines to exclude people. (29)

Sharpening the focus.

1. What a good neighbor looks like in action. (30-37)
2. The necessity for Christians to be good neighbors. (27-28, 37)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read the parable, Luke 10:25-37. The first misconception we looked at was that being a good neighbor makes you a Christian. It does not. Before you rush by this, spend some time thanking God you don't have to earn his favor and then also do a thorough heart-check for evidence of any working to earn God's favor. Trying to please Him is great! Trying to earn his favor is a dead-end street.

Tuesday. Read the parable. We also looked at the truth that a good neighbor does not draw lines to exclude people. My *neighbor* is anyone I come upon, anyone I see in need. Can you truly say that there is no one you come across in need that you would ignore, turn away from, fail to help?

Wednesday. After you read the parable, review the points we looked at on what a good neighbor looks like in action (30-37). Review the actions of the *bad neighbors* in the parable and contrast them with the attitudes and actions of the *good neighbor*. Write them out. Then use those points to compare and evaluate how you have responded to neighbors in need lately.

Thursday. The final point we looked at on Sunday was that it is necessary for Christians to be good neighbors. No, you do not gain or lose salvation by being or not being a good neighbor. But if we are not being good neighbors, something is wrong spiritually — because that is how God's love in His people acts. How are you doing? Where do you need to grow?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at *Living Dangerously* from the parable in Matthew 25:1-13. Read and think through this parable as part of your preparation for our time of worship together.