



sermon notes

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Good News for Homeless Beggars

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Luke 18:35-43 (NIV)

As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸ He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

*⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"
"Lord, I want to see," he replied.*

⁴² Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

What Have We Learned So Far?

- Out of all the gospels, Luke consistently points to Jesus' concern for those who live on the fringe of society.
- In chapter 2, Luke tells us God personally invited a group of shepherds to be the first to come hold His newborn Son. Luke also tells us the shepherds were the first to announce the birth of Jesus to others.
- In chapter 5, Luke tells us that Jesus "grabbed" and healed an outcast man suffering from leprosy.
- In chapter 8, Luke tells us that Jesus sailed through a storm in order to get to and heal an outcast man who was demon possessed.
- In chapter 7, Luke tells us that a prostitute entered a house where Jesus was having dinner. Seeing her faith, Jesus forgave her and announced that her faith had saved her.
- Luke demonstrates that the heart and character of God is His concern for the oppressed, the outcast, the least, last, lonely and lost.

A Lawyer Questions Jesus

"Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:25 (NIV)

- What the Pharisee really wanted to know is this:
"How can I experience life that moves from the _____ to the _____."

He answered: "'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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27 (NIV)

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." Luke 10:28 (NIV)

"And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29 (NIV)

Jesus tells a story about a beaten, battered man on the side of the road.
Both a priest and a Levite pass by ignoring the desperate cry.
A Samaritan (an outcast, unclean nobody) responds.
He binds his wounds, puts him on his donkey,
takes him to an inn, and pays for his lodging and care.

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" Luke 10:36 (NIV)

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."
Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37 (NIV)

With what shall I come before the LORD? ⁸And what does the LORD require of you? To act **justly**
and to love **mercy** and to **walk humbly** with your God. Micah 6:6+8 (NIV)

"Do all the _____ you can,
By all the _____ you can,
In all the _____ you can,
In all the _____ you can,
At all the _____ you can,
To all the _____ you can,
As long as ever you can."
-- John Wesley

The Blind, Homeless Beggar

He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Luke 18:38 (NIV)

Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?"
"Lord, I want to see," he replied. Luke 18:41 (NIV)

When all the people saw it, they also praised God. Luke 18:43 (NIV)