



Today's Topic: Truth-Proving Actions

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, May 22, 2022

*“Truth is sacred; and if you tell the truth too often nobody will believe it.” – G.K. Chesterton,
The Illustrated London News, Feb 24, 1906*

1. _____ the Truth

“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’ 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.’” ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will _____.’” Luke 10:25-28 (NIV, 2011) compare Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18

*“But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my _____?’”
Luke 10:29 (NIV, 2011)*

2. _____ the Truth

“In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him _____.’” Luke 10:30 (NIV, 2011);

“A _____ happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a _____, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.” Luke 10:31-32 (NIV, 2011)

3. _____ the Truth

“But a _____, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” Luke 10:33-35 (NIV, 2011)

“‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’ The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had _____ on him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” Luke 10:36-37 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps: Do one loving thing for a new neighbor this week!

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does it seem like people in our culture are so quick to take sides and so slow to compromise?
2. Read Luke 10:25-29. What is the lawyer’s primary concern? What is he unsure about?
3. Why does the lawyer ask Jesus to define “neighbor” for him?
4. Read Luke 10:30-32. What do you think may have been going through the priest and Levite’s mind as they walked by the man bleeding on the side of the road? How would they be able to justify this action for themselves?
5. Read Luke 10:33-35. What is significant about the fact that the one who helped the wounded man was a “Samaritan”?
6. Read Luke 10:36-37. Jesus turns the question around. Instead of asking, “Who is my neighbor,” we should be asking “Am I a good neighbor?” What does it take to be a good neighbor?
7. Who in this story is closer to inheriting eternal life?
8. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?