

SERMON OUTLINE JANUARY 3, 2021

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN LUKE 10:25-37

The expert in the law asked “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus told this man HOW TO BE a neighbor.

The man in Jesus parable was a Samaritan!!!!!!

The hero of the story has overcome ethnocentricity.

THE SETTING (vv.25-29)

The questioner was an expert in the law, that is, Jewish religious law. (v.25)

His question suggests that “he must DO something to attain eternal life.”

Jesus’ question directs the man back to the law. (v.26)

The man answers correctly but then seeks to limit the law’s demand: “Who is my neighbor?”

THE PARABLE (vv.30-35)

The priest and the Levite were Jewish like the man who was beaten and robbed.

“But a Samaritan!!!!!! took pity on the (Jewish) man.”(v.33)

Jesus Final Question And Teaching (vv.36,37)

The expert in the law answers Jesus’ question, but does not say the word Samaritan.

The man had earlier asked: “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus told him How To Be a neighbor.

LIFE LESSONS

1. Our “neighbors” are everyone. We need to work at NOT being ethnocentric.
2. Having mercy (v.37) , caring about others, doing good for them is how we fulfill the requirements of the Great Commandment. This sometimes means putting yourself out. Treating people as we want to be treated.