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THE LAST GOOD SAMARITAN

Sermon Series: FIX YOUR FOCUS: Immersing Ourselves in the Values of God

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• NOTES •

TEXT: Luke 10:25-37

I. PROBLEMS OF THE POPULAR PARABLE

1. Over-Familiarity - The story is too familiar
2. Under-Familiarity - Some of the details of the story
3. Allegorizing the Whole Story - Turning the story into something that it never was
4. Moralizing - Reducing the story and keeping only the social "gospel"

II. 4 KEYS TO 'GETTING' THE GOOD SAMARITAN

1. A Question to Answer

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

v. 25

2. A Story to Enjoy

Jesus - The 'Master Storyteller': The 3-Act Story

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1. Priest v. 31
2. Levite v. 32
3. Samaritan v. 33

3. Characters to Ponder

The Man - Reckless, beat-down on life's road

Priest & Levite - Religion offers no help

The Last Good Samaritan - Sees us in our need, at great personal cost rescues us, cares for us, takes full responsibility for us; done nothing to deserve

The Inn- The Church - place of caring

4. A Faith to Embrace

"As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead."

Jas. 2:26

III. FIX YOUR FOCUS THE BENEFITS OF HELPING OTHERS

- Adds to Well-Being
- Gratification from Helping Others
- Lessens Your Own Problems
- Fights Depression
- Opportunity to Meet & Interact with Other People
- Spend more Time with Family, Friends, Small Group Members, etc.,
- Experience the Power, Pleasure & Presence of God

IV. NV PARTNESHIP: THE JOY OF HELPING OTHERS

Check out the opportunities to get involved inside your program.

It'll make a difference in someone's life... as well as your own.

"We Make a Living By What We Get... We Make a Life By What We Give" Winston Churchill

"It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20:35

