**“Generous Love in Action”**

Going deeper in Luke 10:25-37

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus is teaching and debating with the religious leaders possibly in the temple courts. Then the following happens.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 25 A religious scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus, “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?” 26 Jesus answered, “What is written in God’s law? What’s your interpretation of it?” 27 He said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and all your mind – and that you love your neighbor as yourself.” 28 “Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.” 29 But wanting to justify himself and find a loophole he asked, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus answered, “There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked by robbers. They beat him, took his clothes, and left him half-dead. 31 It just so happened that a priest was going down the same road, but when the priest saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Then a Levite showed up and he too passed by on the other side. 33 A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw him, his heart went out to him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he lifted him onto to his donkey, brought him to an inn and cared for him. 35 The next morning he gave two silver coins (worth a 2 month stay) and gave them to the innkeeper, saying “Take good care of him. If there are any additional costs, put it on my bill – I’ll pay you on my way back.” 36 So which of these three was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? 37 The religious scholar said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.”

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. What do you think it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

2. Why do you think Jesus says in verse 28, “Do it and you’ll live.” Instead of saying this will please God or this will get you eternal life?

3. Why is the religious scholar look for a loophole? What are times that you are most likely to look for loophole?

4. Why do you think the priest and the Levite pass by? What do you think they were thinking and feeling?

5. Why do you think the Samaritan responded differently?

6. Samaritans’ beliefs were not orthodox and they were perceived as agreeing with conquering countries like Rome. Why do you think Jesus used a Samaritan to illustrate being a good neighbor? What does this say about the significance of loving one’s neighbor in the teaching of Jesus?

7. What are the different ways that the Samaritan was generous? How does this challenge you to be generous with your love?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord for His generous love.

\*Ask Him to show you how He is calling you to show generous love each day this coming week.

\*Ask the Spirit of God to give you the courage to show His generous love.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

The Good Samaritan demonstrated generous love in a number of concrete ways. Through the power of the Holy Spirit will you show generous love to those you encounter this week?