



**WEST
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CHURCH**

Week 9

Series: *Equipped*

Sermon Title: The Savior's Unconditional Love

Sermon Text: Luke 10:25-37

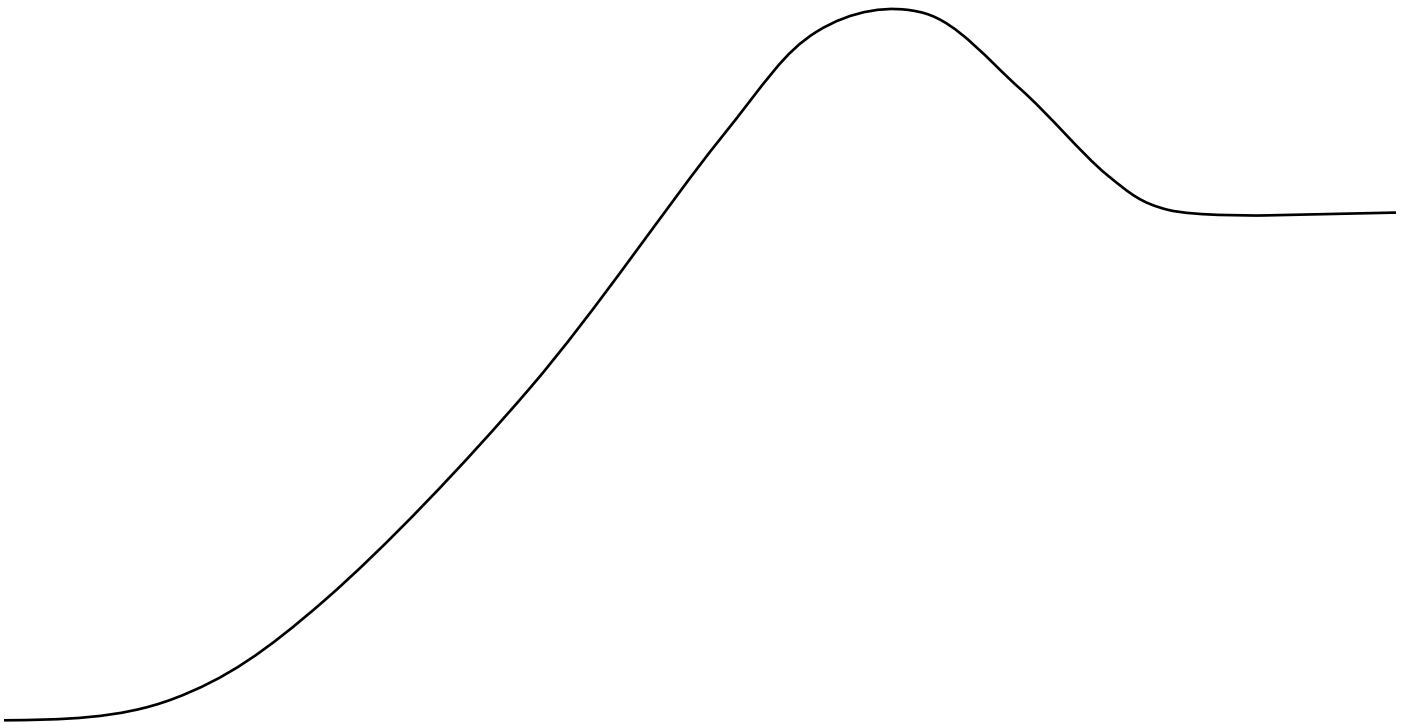
Group Week of: June 23, 2024

Sermon Date: June 30, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Justification By the Law – Rom 3:1-19
Day 2	Royal Law of Love – James 2:8-13
Day 3	Law of Love in Christ – John 13:31-35
Day 4	Praying for Love – Ephesians 3:14-21
Day 5	Loving Because of God – 1 John 4:7-21

The Text: Luke 10:25-37

- 1) **Read** the text slowly and carefully.
- 2) **Pray** for understanding, insight, and transformation.
- 3) **Fill in plot arch** by writing down verses in the story as points on the plot line to help show you where the main lessons in the story are.
- 4) **Answer** the interpretive questions at the bottom.



Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) What is the answer to the question, "Who is my neighbor?"
- 3) What differences do you see between the priest/Levite and the Samaritan?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Did the expert misapply God's word or did he misinterpret God's word?
 - a. Give an example of what it would look like to misinterpret God's word.
 - b. Give an example of what it would look like to misapply God's word.
- 2) Jesus asks the expert, "How do you read it?" This reminds us that a good *reading* of the text requires more than simple understanding; it also requires a faithful application to life. Examine your own Bible reading habits. Would you say that you read the Bible well? Explain your process and reasoning below.
- 3) The expert asks Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" What is the heart behind this question?
- 4) Where do you act, think, or feel like the expert in your life today? What commands God has given you that you start to try to qualify the words of so they become easier to fulfill?
- 5) When the expert asks who his neighbor is, he is trying to qualify the word "neighbor" so that he only needs to love those he wishes to love. The parable of the good Samaritan teaches us that fulfilling the law to "love your neighbor as yourself" requires one to love everyone that God puts in their path, regardless of ethnicity or religion. Who is the neighbor you struggle to love most?
- 6) When we engage in the work of serving our neighbors in love, we all draw the line somewhere. This man was willing to give up his donkey and two denarii (roughly worth a month-long stay in a hotel) to take care of this man and promised to reimburse the inn for future needs. He did whatever was necessary to help. Where do you draw the line, and how does the parable of the good Samaritan challenge or affirm your line?
- 7) The parable of the good Samaritan does not necessarily teach us to give money to the homeless, as it is often misapplied. In fact, it teaches us to do far more than that—it teaches us to do what is necessary to help someone off the streets and back into society. Thinking this way, who is God calling you to love? And how does Christ's love towards you become fuel for that work?