WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

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He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your strength & with all your mind' and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

I. Neighbor?

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 & with all your soul & with all your strength & with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this & you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:25-29

A. Who is my _____?
B. This question reveals a desire to _____ the _____ of a neighbor.

II. The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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 half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, 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 10:25-29

A. Both the _____ & the _____ were professional church workers and left the dying man on the side of the road.
B. A _____, someone _____ by the Jews, stopped, had compassion, bandaged the wounds & took care of the man at his own expense.

III. Won't You Be My Neighbor?

"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 mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

A. Love has no _____.
B. _____ requires action.
C. Sacrificial love _____

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:35-40

IV. So What?

A. You can't truly love your neighbor if you personally don't know the _____.
B. The question isn't "_____ my neighbor?" but rather, "_____ be my neighbor?"
C. Love them _____.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one & only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

D. "By becoming good neighbors, we become who we're _____ to be. As a result, our _____ become the places God intended them to be" - The Art of Neighboring

My Next Step Is:

- I'm deciding for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize Luke 10:27.
- I will love without boundaries by identifying someone outside my usual circle and reach out to them this week with kindness.
- I will challenge my personal biases, through prayer, by examining if there are people I subconsciously avoid or overlook and ask God to change my heart.
- I will seek to develop the "won't you be my neighbor" attitude.
- I would like to help with the Spring Block Party on March 29th – more details to follow.