

# **The Moral of the Story: The Good Samaritan and the Ungrateful Servant**

## **March 16-17 2019**

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **The Moral of the Story**
- Six weeks in the Parables of Jesus. Takes us to Resurrection Sunday!!
- What is a parable? Why did Jesus talk in parables?
  - o Explain spiritual things by using common experiences.
  - o Christian Winter, "Parables attract seekers who want to know, but they discourage those who aren't interested."
  - o Seekers vs Stiff Necked. Be a seeker! God wants you to find Him!!
- **This Week: A Samaritan and an Ungrateful Servant**
- But first: Two big deals for the believer:
  - o Receive the love and forgiveness of God. **1 John 4:10-11**
  - o Reflect the love and forgiveness of God to others. **Matthew 10:7-8**
- Greatest Commandment goes into Parable of The Good Samaritan
- **Luke 10:25-37**
  - o Starts out good! This is a smart guy who knows what to say.
  - o Problem: He's looking for a technicality so he doesn't have to do it!!
  - o The priest didn't help, the Levite didn't. It was a Samaritan!
    - Jesus is shaming this guy. He's an expert in the law!
  - o Jesus is saying that we don't get to pick and choose who we love.
    - God loves everyone, so should we.
    - Doesn't mean you can't have boundaries...
- **Matthew 18-21-35**
  - o Don't count, just keep forgiving.
  - o Jesus is very serious with this. (v35)
  - o What is this a response to? (Peter's question)
- So, Jesus is saying love people and forgive people.
  - o It is ugly, selfish, and hypocritical to receive the love and forgiveness of God while being unwilling to offer the same to others.
  - o Everyone else can see that. Let's make sure we see that too.
- We, as Christians, are people of the cross.
  - o There are great benefits to being people of the cross.
    - The love of God is on you. Forgiveness is on you! Etc!
  - o There are also responsibilities of being people of the cross.
    - We are to bring the love of God to this world.
    - We are to demonstrate the forgiveness of God to this world.
  - o Do you need to receive? Do you need to give?
- Pray for each other before you finish up!