



Grace Hill Church

The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.

The parable turns around the question by the lawyer, who asked who his neighbor is in hopes of having the strong ethical demand of the law qualified. Jesus answers with an exhortation to “do” as the Samaritan has done. The real issue is not whom we should serve, but that we serve. The concern moves from how we see others to how we are to act. The shift internalizes the demands and radicalizes them. We are not to ask who our neighbor is; we are to be a neighbor. ~Darrell Bock, *BECNT*, Luke 9:51-24:53

The care the Samaritan offers is not a model of moral obligation but of exaggerated action grounded in compassion that risks much more than could ever be required or expected. ~Joel Green, *The Gospel of Luke*

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. ~1 John 4:18-19

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #29

Question: How can we be saved?

Answer: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 10.25-37*

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *Become a Neighbor*

Outline:

1. Our Response to the Parable
2. Our Call to Become A Neighbor
3. Our Power to Love Our Neighbor

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Father, we do not love our neighbors as ourself. We try to identify those who are worthy of our love and chose to love them alone. When we do love others, we often do so to justify ourselves, hoping that it improves our standing before God. Other times, it is the praise of people that motivates us to love others. No matter what our motivation, we crucially fall short of Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourself.

Thank you, God, for pouring your abundant love upon us even when we have failed to love You. Because you first loved us, we are now able to love our neighbor. Let the love you have lavished upon us power our love for our neighbor. Give us the strength to become a neighbor to those you place in our lives and cross boundaries to become neighbors to those we have yet to meet.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. ~Psalm 86:5

Responding to the Lord with Worship

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction ("the good word")

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13:20–21)

Core Questions:

1. **How is the Holy Spirit whispering or shouting to you from this passage? What stands out for you?**
2. **How does the text intersect or engage your life?**
3. **Where do you find gospel conviction and gospel comfort in this passage? (Gospel = the specific act of Jesus taking your sin and sharing with you his victory.)**

Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy III. Starts 7/5/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
 - Starting 7/5/21, our COVID policy is that masks are optional. While the risk of COVID to unvaccinated individuals remains high* (especially with the circulating Delta variant), GH will not attempt to enforce a mask policy based on vaccination status. We fully respect personal decisions to wear masks, but will not require mask wearing for anyone. We ask parents to decide what is the best personal mask policy for their children.
 - We recognize that parents may wear masks to support their desire for their younger children to wear masks. Thankfully, our adult vaccination rate at GH is very high, but of course we continue to ask that if you are sick or not feeling well (summer colds have increased), please stay home and use the Online Worship Stream. We encourage children to wash their hands regularly, and adults to please be thoughtful about hugs and handshakes, especially towards infants and young children.
 - *note: According to NC DHHS Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen. "More than 99 percent of new COVID-19 cases in North Carolina are in people who are not fully vaccinated. Vaccines are working."
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 - Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 - Send a physical check
 - Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
 - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word "Give" to 919 296 1330.

The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...



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