

The Difference Love Makes

1. The “expert in the law” or the lawyer (comes with an agenda)
2. The very religious were captured by the law. (See Matthew 22:36-38)
3. Jesus’ parable compares the responses of two people who worked in the Temple to a despised Samaritan. The Levites were captured by the law and the Samaritan in question was captured by love.
4. Three types of people
 - a. The Lawyer, focused primarily on the law, quick to notice who isn’t obeying.
 - b. The Samaritan seemed to be looking for ways to show mercy & love
 - c. The bandits, people concerned only with themselves and did not hesitate to beat up someone else.
5. Jesus knew about the tension between the Jews and Samaritans. However, in verse 37 Jesus tells the lawyer, and each of us, to “go and do the same” as the Samaritan did, even if you don’t agree with them.
6. Key Point: Look for ways to prove you are right; or, look for ways to show love and honor.
7. The CAUTION to the “experts in the law.” Luke 11:46

Discussion Questions:

- 1) What did it cost the Samaritan to show a loving response to the victim?
- 2) It is very easy for many of us to not get involved, to rationalize away our chance to show love to someone. Let’s be honest, what situations would you tend to find it hard to get involved with and help someone?
- 3) Many everyday situations can be quite challenging for us to respond in love. Oftentimes this is because we so strongly disagree with the other person’s thinking and choices. What will it take for us to respond in love to all neighbors?
- 4) If someone who strongly opposed your thinking and choices came to your rescue at a significant loss of time and money to themselves, how might that impact you? What might it stir in you?



ZOOM PRAYER

Each week a group of New Harvest people meet for prayer online at 8pm, Wednesday evenings. You are also invited. However, if this is not a convenient time, Barry would like to launch another prayer group on Zoom at a more conducive time for you. Email Barry if interested (barry@newharvestch.org).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ 10AM

We are now having in-person Sunday School. We will continue to show Harvest Kids Sunday School videos on YouTube. Search for "Harvest Kids" or type in this link: newharvestch.org/harvestkids/. Contact Karen to be added to our Harvest Kids group on Facebook for more children's ministry resources.

ADOPT-A-STREET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 9:15AM

It is time to be a good neighbor. Every quarter we pick up trash on Hawthorne Avenue. Would you like to serve on this team this time? Please sign up in the Lobby, use a connection card, or email Barry (barry@newharvestch.org).

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 10:00AM–2:00PM

Students in PreK-12th grade are invited to come get their school picture taken at NO cost. You will receive a digital copy of your student's picture via email. There is no need to sign-up; just come on by.

Welcome Guests & Visitors

We are delighted you chose to attend our gathering today, whether in person or online. Use our online Connection Card (newharvestch.org/connect), or fill out a Connection Card found in the back of the chair with your prayer requests and to let us know that you joined us today.

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