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Sunday School Lesson

Subject: Teaching About Compassion
Lesson Scripture: Lk. 7:11-23; Lk. 10:25-37

There was a time when loving our neighbor was easy - or so we thought. Our neighbors were those families who lived close by; those whom we knew personally by name; those from whom we borrowed a cup of sugar or an egg or two; those whom we ate with often, who knew some of the in-house secrets, and whom we loved as family.

Jesus, however, didn't and doesn't offer nor accept this idea of a neighbor. When the lawyer asked "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus did not answer with a description of a neighbor as described above. Who is my neighbor? He is not necessarily someone who lives close by. Not necessarily someone in my social structure - as is the case in many neighborhoods. He may be someone who lives in a poorer or wealthier section of town. He is not necessarily someone who has a familiar name and face, nor necessarily someone who shares my Christian beliefs. A neighbor may not even like me. In fact he may be someone who despises me. My neighbor is not someone who can help me necessarily. He may be someone who needs my help and may never be able to repay the favor.

LESSON BACKGROUND

Jesus had just sent out the 70 to minister to people's needs (Luke 10:1). Those 70 came back rejoicing because so much good was done when unselfish service was offered in the name of Jesus (Verse 17). The victorious account of the 70 caused Jesus to offer again a prayer of Thanksgiving to God for the joy and promise of future triumph implied in the obedient service of the meek and lowly. Following this, Jesus spoke a private word to the 70 (Vv. 21, 24). We cannot tell if the question of the lawyer in our text was asked in the midst of this discussion or at some other occasion shortly afterwards. It seems most probable that this took place in or near Jerusalem.

(Vs. 25) A teacher of the law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" Lawyers in Jesus' day were not the same as lawyers today. These men were professional teachers and interpreters of the Mosaic law and the traditions that had grown up around it. A comparison of Matthew 22:34 and Mark 12:28 suggests that the term lawyer was synonymous with that of "scribe." A comparison of Luke 5:17-21 suggests the same. Because of the place of the law in Jewish life, these men exercised great influence over the people.

This lawyer was trying to get Jesus to say something that could be used against Him and thereby discredit Him before the people. Sometimes some of us are like this lawyer. We ask leading questions to try and trap a teacher so we can show him where he is wrong. We are not looking for enlightenment or fellowship, but a fight. We are not concerned that other students learn, but that they notice who wins the argument.

On the subject of eternal life the Old Testament is not nearly so clear as the New. It is evident that some of the Jews did believe in life after death, but they must have had much discussion on how to attain it.

Vv. 26-29, Jesus answered him, "What do the scriptures say? How do you interpret them?" The man answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as you love yourself." "You are right," Jesus replied, "do this and you will live." But the teacher of the law wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered by telling him (the teacher of the law) the parable of the Good Samaritan, (Luke 10:25-37).

When the teacher asked Jesus about inheriting eternal life, he evidently thought that Jesus would prescribe some new rites or ceremonies or would in some way disparage the law. He was startled then to have Jesus reply, "What is written in the law?" This answer robbed the enemy of his own weapon. The lawyer, replied by declaring that the law is summarized in the requirement to love God and man. Jesus again replied, "Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." There was no shadow of evasion or deception in the statement of Jesus. Perfect love to God and to man is surely the way of life; but who can show such perfect love? Jesus came not to destroy this requirement of the law, but to reveal its complete fulfillment to secure pardon for those who were guilty of its infraction, and to give power to those who felt their need.

The reply of Jesus not only defeated the lawyer; it smote his conscience. He realized that he himself had not fulfilled the requirements of the law he knew so well. He therefore attempted to justify himself by limiting the sphere to which the law of love applies.



Visions of a lifetime, memories of a year and hopes for the next are all parts of Mary Kirkpatrick Harris' poetry. A Charlottean Mrs. Harris enjoys sharing her works. The following is one of her poems entitled "Night Time Lonely": A stray hound lopes through my yard, It is below evening; The Brashness of adolescent disco music thumps the air, coming from next door. Is that the evening star? Hesperus has grown since last night. Maybe I am less. I place each foot carefully on the stair treads. Why break something which may not mend? Ah, sanctuary! King sized and yellow draped. The bed lamp gives the illusion of a friendly face. This forever desert that is my bed, knows better. I should have invited the hound in.

Mary Roberson Crowned

"Woman Of The Year"

Kannapolis - "Two of the most important things in life are to study God's word for yourself and to attend church," stated Mary Roberson who was recently crowned "Woman of the Year" at Marable Memorial AME Zion Church.

"I just love church work," Mrs. Roberson commented. "I love that more than anything else."

Her evidence of faith and desire to work in the house of the Lord are both shown through the many activities she involves herself with. She is a Deaconess; Class Leader; Life Matron of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church; a member of the Sunday School of the church and is active on the Pastor's Aid Board.

Married to Robert L. Roberson, Mrs. Roberson has one son, Robert L. Roberson Jr. and his wife,

Shirley. Mrs. Roberson has two grandchildren, Jaslyn Sheree and Jonathan.

Mrs. Roberson has worked in the Cannon Mills for 14 years as a spinner. But for just about as long as she can remember she has praised God to the highest and enjoys attending the 350-member church, Marable Memorial AME Zion Church, pastored by Rev. James R. Samuel. The church is located at 503 Spring St., Kannapolis.

The many years of work in the church, in addition to the faith and inspiration shown by Mrs. Roberson helped in granting her with the distinguishing title of "Woman of the Year" in her church. Even in conversation you know that Mrs. Roberson is gifted with the joyous attitude of being kind and helpful to others...qualities to be recognized.

Reasons CMS Closes

During Inclement Weather

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System is made up of 107 schools and special programs with nearly 72,000 students. It is the 31st largest public school system in the country.

These are a few reasons according to Cam Keyser, public information specialist, that school administrators choose to close schools all day rather than delay the opening of classes during inclement weather. Since students in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System are scattered across 530 miles, officials believe the area is too large and complex for a delayed

opening method to work smoothly.

"Also, if we decided on a delayed opening, many students would be left at home, unattended for several hours after their parents had left for work. Our gasoline trucks would not have enough time to reach all buses for refueling and servicing during the day," Keyser stated.

He pointed out the first school opens at 7:25 a.m., and the last one begins at 9 a.m., requiring a full hour and 30 minutes to open all schools in the system.

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