



## Sermon Notes: Whose Neighbor Am I?

1. A crucial context.

2. A comprehensive command.

3. A costly compassion.

a. He felt.

b. He risked.

c. He spent.

4. A connection to Christ.

5. A couple cautions.

a. Take off your blinders.

b. Live with margins.



## Application Questions: Whose Neighbor Am I?

1. What would you have said the parable of "The Good Samaritan" was about before? How do you see it any differently now?
2. How do you feel when you read that if you want to inherit eternal life you must love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself? Why is this bad news? What is the only good news that counters this bad news?
3. What hinders you from seeing the needs of your neighbors? What are your "blindings"? What would you need to do in order to remove them?
4. When you see the needs of your neighbors, what prevents you from feeling compassion?
5. When you see the needs of your neighbors, what prevents you from sacrificing your resources in order to love them well?
6. What are some ways you could create margins in your life - "wiggle room" in your budget and calendar so that you're more free to love and serve others? What will you do this week?
7. Questions #3-5 relate to "sins of omission" - ways we break God's Law by leaving good things undone. How does Scripture show us that these omissions are just as sinful as the bad things we do?
8. Why is "*Who is my neighbor?*" the wrong question to begin with? How would you change if you thought in terms of "*Whose neighbor am I?*"
9. Who needs you to be their neighbor right now? What specifically do they need? What action steps will you take to love them in concrete, practical ways? What's the worst that could happen if you do this? What positives might happen? What good is accomplished even if those positives don't happen?
10. What will you do immediately?