

Sermon Series:
Today's Message:
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Whiteboard
Merciful Kingdom
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Luke 10:29-37 (ESV)

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."

Extending MERCY requires a PURPOSED DECISION.

PROXIMITY positions us to extend mercy.

Extending MERCY involves PERIL.

Luke 6:36 (ESV)

36 "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Application Challenge:

How has God extended mercy to you?

Who in your life do you have an opportunity to extend mercy to this week?

Extending mercy often means being willing to sacrifice something: your time, your plans, your feelings, etc. Ask God to increase your awareness of these moments and the decisions that accompany them.