



MESSAGE: Responding To The Need    TEACHER: Ajith Sunker    DATE: 2/11/2024

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### QUESTION #1

What resonated with you in this message?

### QUESTION #2

Was there anything you wrestled with?

### QUESTION #3

What do you think it means to “get your hands dirty” while doing good works?

#### **QUESTION #4**

Read Mathew 25:40 below. What does it make you think of in relation to Aijith's personal story?

#### **Matthew 25:40, NIV**

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

#### **QUESTION #5**

As Christians we are called to respond to needs around us. How can we be more discerning of the ways we might step up and respond?

#### **QUESTION #6**

It's easy to dismiss someone, assuming someone else will help them. If you have genuine concern, it will most likely move you to action like the Good Samaritan. What are some ways we could make sure someone is covered, even if we aren't the ones to directly help them?

#### **QUESTION #7**

Being merciful requires courage. How was the Good Samaritan courageous, and what can we learn from this?

#### **QUESTION #8**

Being merciful also requires humility. What does it mean to have your heart "in the right place" before you help someone? Can you think of examples of doing the right thing with the wrong motives?

#### **QUESTION #9**

As Christians, we are called by the Lord Jesus to help people. How can we meet spiritual and physical needs in our everyday life?

## TEACHING SCRIPTURE CITATIONS

### Luke 10: 25-37, NIV — The Parable of The Good Samaritan

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “**what must I do to inherit eternal life?**”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind**’ (see Deuteronomy 6:5); and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “**And who is my neighbor?**”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a **Samaritan**, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “**The one who had mercy on him.**”

Jesus told him, “**Go and do likewise.**”

### Deuteronomy 6:5, NIV

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

## **Deuteronomy 6:4-9, NIV** — The Shema

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

## **Matthew 25:40, NIV**

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

## **James 2:14-17, NIV**

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have (*echō*) faith but has (*echō*) no deeds (*ergon*)? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## **Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV**

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works (*ergon*), so that no one can boast.