

Questions for Conversations

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When have you helped someone that was the most inconvenient for you (it has to be a time when it wasn't part of your job).

Kenneth Bailey says there are 3 components of all of Jesus parables. Sometimes there is a 4th.

Entertaining story

Ethical Instruction

Theology (secret insight into the Kingdom of God)

Some hint at who Jesus is

Bailey feels the Good Samaritan parable includes the 4th.

Bailey sees Jesus hinting at himself as the Samaritan (one who does a saving action of great cost outside the normal system). What do you think about that idea?

Think for yourself or as a group work at recontextualizing the story for today.

Who would be the Priest, the Levite, and most importantly the Samaritan?

How might the things that the Samaritan does be made into today's equivalent?

Rob said

Compassion/mercy is not just a feeling. It is action. It is lived-out choices that have real-life consequences to people who matter to God.

What might it mean for you to be a neighbor this week? How might your "compassion/mercy" have real-life consequences for someone?

Share and Prayer