**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 28, 2020**

**Who Are Your Neighbors?**

Luke 10:25-37

**Key Truth**: Christianity is more than good theology that is to be studied and debated.

**A Lawyer Gets A PHD In Practical Theology:**

1. The lawyer had a hidden agenda.

2. The lawyer had a good understanding of the

 Scriptures.

3. The lawyer had the belief that some people were

 undeserving of his love.

**What We Can Learn:**

1. Just going to church won’t change your life.

2. Right theology and wrong practice is still bad

 theology. **James 1:26-27**

3. As Christians, our faith needs to be translated into

 concern and care for the hurting and oppressed in

 our society.

4. Discipleship is the goal; diversity is the by-product.

5. Showing compassion and mercy must move us

 beyond our biases and prejudices.

6. In the parable of the good Samaritan, we see the

 truth of the gospel being demonstrated.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the compassion He showed us by sending His Son. Look for opportunities to serve others with love and compassion, regardless of ethnicity.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What does “compassion” mean? When was the last time someone went out of his or her way to show compassion to you?

What things keep us from living lives of compassion?

Read James 2:14-17: What does it look like in practical terms to love God with your heart, soul, strength, and mind? On the other hand, what actions and attitudes make it evident that you love your neighbor as yourself?

John 4:7-10: What was Jesus attempting to do by interacting with the Samaritan woman?

Just like in Jesus’ day, Jews and Samaritans had ethnic/racial tensions. How does this reflect what’s happening in our culture today with the “Black Lives Matter” declaration?

What should be the Christian response to this cultural issue?

What things in your life—even seemingly “spiritual” things—might cause you to look the other way when there is a person in need?

In what ways have you seen people interrupt their normal routine to take compassionate action on behalf of another? Which people or groups do you find it difficult to aid?