

Building a 21st Century Good Samaritan Church The Heart of Jesus

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In studying the life of Jesus we find there were different circles in which he operated. First is the circle of 5,000 men plus their families recorded in *Matthew 14*. This circle surrounded Him because of what they could receive. Next was the circle of seventy in *Luke 10*. This circle rejoiced in all that the Lord had done through them. Then there is the circle of twelve (the disciples). They lived with Jesus and saw great and mighty things. From here we look at the circle of three (Peter, James & John in *Matthew 17*). They saw Jesus glorified and heard God speak. Finally, there is the circle of one. He is referred to as “the disciple Jesus loved.” *John 21:20* – He leaned upon His breast at supper. He could hear the heartbeat of Jesus.

I believe the Lord is looking for a church that not only receives, works, follows or experiences His glory but will know His heart. That is the 21st Century Good Samaritan Church. To find His heart we can look at the Good Samaritan story in *Luke 10:30 – 35*.

Let’s examine the one who fell among thieves.

I. His Condition

- a. His condition was brought on by himself vs. 30
- b. Thieves were waiting vs. 30
- c. He was left half dead vs. 30
- There are many in this condition today I Tim. 4:1

II. His Compassion

- a. He did not find it from the priest vs. 31
- b. He did not find it from the Levite vs. 32
(Notice these by chance passed by)
- c. He found compassion from the Samaritan vs. 33
(He was on a journey)

III. His Care -- The Samaritan

- a. Went to him vs. 34
- b. Bound up his wounds vs. 34
- c. Poured in oil and wine vs. 34
- d. Set him on his beast vs. 34
(The Samaritan was willing to walk.)
- e. Brought him to an inn vs. 34
(Notice a lot was done before he was brought to the “church”)
- f. Took care of him vs. 34
- g. Continued to sow into his life vs. 35

In this we find the very heart of Jesus. He could relate to the Good Samaritan.

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