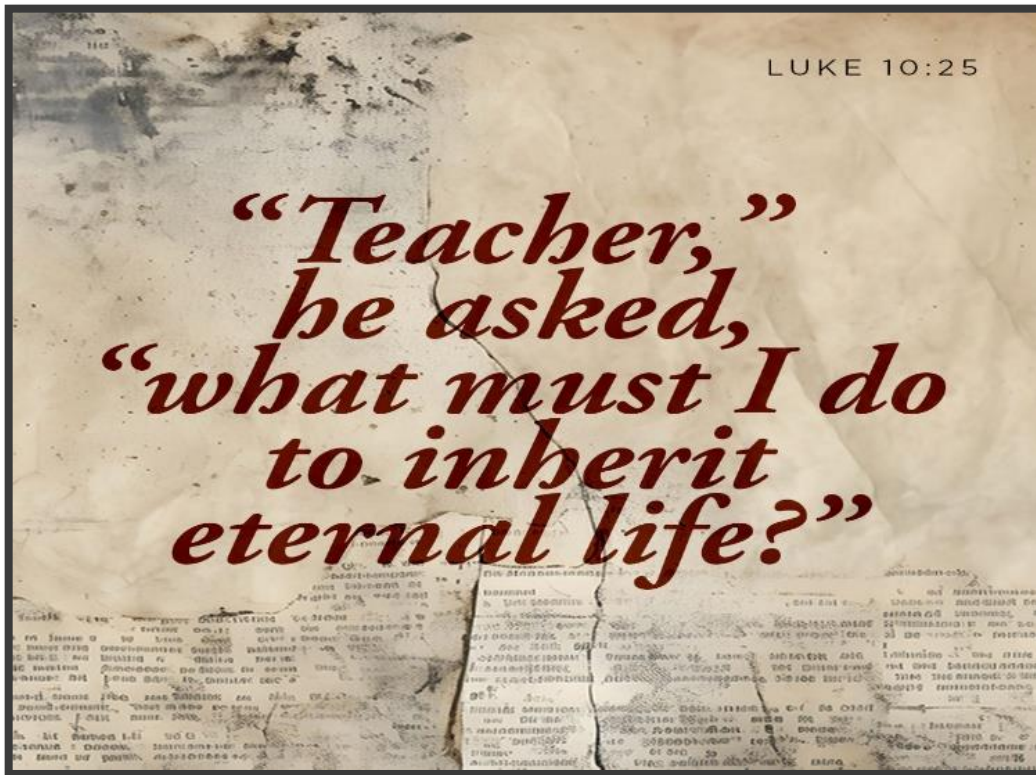




The Questions Jesus Asked

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

*OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)

See screens

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOME OF GUEST

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: What does the Lord require of us?

Congregation: To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Liturgist: Jesus calls us to notice the wounded, the lonely, and the forgotten.

Congregation: We will not pass by on the other side.

Liturgist: God has shown mercy and compassion to us.

Congregation: With God's help, we will show mercy and compassion to others.

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God whose love changes lives.

Congregation: Let us worship God with grateful hearts and willing hands!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (v. 1-4)

UMH #89

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed—Traditional Version

Liturgist

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:6-8 (NKJV)

Liturgist

⁶With what shall I come before the Lord, *And* bow myself before the High God?

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, The fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?

⁸He has shown you, O man, what *is* good;

And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly,

To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us see people who need help. Give us kind hearts and helping hands.

Teach us to love others like You love us. Amen.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it*?"
²⁷ So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"
²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."
²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"³⁷ And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over the cards.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Take My Life and Let It Be (v. 1-3)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Pastor

Title: The Questions Jesus Ask

Theme: Compassion = Love in Action

Question: What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Main Idea: Jesus calls us to stop defining who deserves our compassion and instead become neighbors who show costly, active love to anyone in need.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate God, You have blessed us with time, abilities, possessions, and opportunities to serve. Receive these gifts and use them to care for the wounded, welcome the forgotten, feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. May our giving be more than an offering placed in a plate. May it be a sign that our love for You is becoming visible through our love for others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Here I Am Lord (v. 1-3)

UMH #367

***COMMISSION / BENEDICTION**

Pastor

*Go now as people who do more than know the right answer. Go with eyes that notice, hearts that care, hands that help, and feet willing to cross the road. When you encounter someone who is hurting, lonely, forgotten, or in need, do not ask, "Are they like me?" Ask, "How can I show them the love of Jesus?" May the grace of Jesus Christ fill you, the love of God guide you, and the power of the Holy Spirit help you make compassion visible. Go in peace, take the detour, and show mercy...and all of God's children said...**Amen.***

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Freely, Freely (verses 1 & 2)

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* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Dawn LaBounty Sharpe, Paula's
sister,
by Rick & Paula Davies*