

Who's my NEIGHBOR?

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EMPOWERING THE POOR

Just then an expert in the law stood up to test Him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the law?" He asked him. "How do you read it?" He answered: 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. "You've answered correctly," He told him. "Do this and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus took up the question and said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.' "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" "The one who showed mercy to him," he said. Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

LUKE 10:25-37 HCSB

For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is

first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. James 3:16-17 NIV

One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed. Proverbs 19:17 NASB

If anyone has this world's goods and sees his brother in need but closes his eyes to his need—how can God's love reside in him? Little children, we must not love with word or speech, but with truth and action.

1 John 3:17-18 HCSB

Poverty is defined in America as the lack of **material** worth.

Real poverty is defined as a **mindset**.

The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed.

Luke 4:18 HCBS

The root of ALL poverty is **brokenness**.

1. We are to **serve** others, not to **save** others.

Relief is immediate and temporary, administered during times of crisis.

Restoration is a long-term relationship to rebuild and bring wholeness.

2. We need to **relate** with people not **rescue** people.

3. To give a **hand-up** not a **hand-out**.

This week in your quiet time I would like you to think about the story of The Good Samaritan. Reflect on what Jesus is really doing. Jesus is attacking the **complacency** of the **comfortably** religious people **who protect themselves** from the needs of others. Let us not be counted among those who protect ourselves from those in need, isolating and insulating ourselves from the needs of the world around us and in our community. Reflect on how you can change your mindset from fear to courage by asking the Lord, "How can I be used to help those who are in need?" If you have questions or comments please contact Pastor Frank at Frank@centerpointchurch.com.