

**COLOR-
COURAGEOUS
DISCIPLESHIP**

SERMON SERIES



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





**JESUS PICTURED
DISCIPLESHIP AS A
BELOVED COMMUNITY**





The end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the Beloved Community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opponents into friends. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of men. - MLK




The Beloved Dream is “where people experience love, safety, acceptance, freedom, mutual care and support; where people are empowered and valued, can grow, and contribute in ways that are consistent with their gifts and capacities.” - The Elusive Dream Podcast




**DIVERSITY DOESN'T
EQUAL RACIAL JUSTICE IN
THE BELOVED
COMMUNITY**





**Where have you seen
progress in your life, our
society and the church?**







**Where do you see there is
racial justice work still to
be done?**





**COLOR COURAGEOUS
DISCIPLESHIP IS THE
PATHWAY TO BELOVED
COMMUNITY**






“All churches, regardless of their racial composition, ought to be about the Beloved Community. The focus should not be on getting certain racial groups to become a part of the church. Rather the church should discipline people to grow in the fullness of their God-given belovedness and freedom found in Christ for our souls, minds, and bodies. We can not have or do that without dealing with race...not in our American context/ history.” - KLE



REFLECTION:

- 1. Consider an experience in your life when you learned about racial and ethnic differences.**
 - What happened?**
 - How did you (or others) respond?**
 - Describe your feelings at that moment.**
 - How did this experience shape your thinking about race?**
 - 2. What do you think it means for people to grow in the fullness of their God-given belovedness?**
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REFLECTION:

- 1. How will you begin to speak truthfully about the racial inequalities in our society, relationships and institutions?**
 - 2. “You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” Martin Luther King, Jr.” What steps are you taking to grow in your own belovedness and the belovedness of others?**
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