

GOODNESS *of* GOD

The Goodness of God through a Good Samaritan AUGUST 31, 2025

WORSHIP (15 MINS)

Venue: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Ask someone to do the opening prayer.

WELCOME (10 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

Ice-breaker Q: When was the last time you stepped in for someone who couldn't speak or defend for themselves? What made you take that risk?

WORD(30-45 MINS)

Main Text: Luke 10:25-37 NLT

Intro: God's goodness can often come through unexpected people who choose to be compassionate over their personal convenience. Jesus challenges us to see beyond people's labels and love people coupled with action. God often allows His goodness known through people like you and me. The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the clearest picture of such goodness. Let's learn together.

1. The Samaritan showed compassion without boundaries

The Samaritan showed kindness across racial, cultural, and religious divides. This reflects God's goodness, which is not limited by our background, status, or failures. Our world today is deeply divided, people build walls, but God breaks barriers. Many burn bridges, yet Jesus Himself is the bridge: the way to God and the one who brings people together. If we truly want others to know Him, we must reveal His goodness just as the Good Samaritan did. Let us be channels of God's love and compassion to all kinds of people. Let us love un-conditionally, both saints and sinners.

Just like what Jesus did to the Syrophoenician woman, a Gentile, setting her son free from demonic possession, the Good Samaritan revealed the goodness of a God who is compassionate to all kinds of people.

"For God so Loved the world....." John 3:16 a – world means everybody in the world, all people, from every tongue and tribe.

Discussion Questions:

Q: Who in your life or school might be considered an "outsider," and how can you show them God's love this week?

Q: Was there a time you felt excluded or judged because of your background or beliefs? How did it affect your view of God or others?

Q: What does it mean to love someone unconditionally—even if they don't believe what you believe or live how you live?

2. The Samaritan showed selfless care and sacrifice – He gave his time, resources, and safety to care for a stranger. In the same way, God's goodness is shown through His willingness to give of Himself fully for us—even at great cost.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 NLT

Discussion Questions:

Q: What's more difficult for you to give: your time, your attention, or your comfort? Why?

Q: Can you think of a time when helping someone felt inconvenient or risky? What did you do?

Q: How does being a follower of Jesus challenge the way we treat people who are hurting or in need?

3. The Samaritan went beyond helping but all the way to restoration and healing– The Samaritan didn't just rescue the man but ensured his complete recovery by bringing him to an inn and paying for his care. This mirrors God's goodness in restoring us, not just saving us from danger but also providing for our healing and growth.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, 19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come." Luke 4:18-19 NLT

Q: Have you ever tried helping someone but stopped short of following up or walking with them through recovery? Why did you stop? What held you back?

Q: If you know someone going through a painful or tough situation, how can you be part of their healing journey?

Conclusion:

Jesus invites everyone to imitate the Good Samaritan because that is what Jesus wants us to do. He ends the parable by saying, **"Go and do likewise."** The goodness of God is revealed in us and through us as we become instruments of His compassion to others.

In **John 8:12**, Jesus declared, 'I am the Light of the world' and He wants our lives to be a reflection of His love to others who do not know Him in personal way. God's desire is for us to reflect His love and goodness to those around us. What a powerful privilege it is to be His chosen vessels through which His love and goodness flow to others.

Practical take aways:

1. People need to know about Christ's love and compassion.
2. Christ's compassion is displayed through our acts selflessness and sacrifices to help others.
3. We are Christ's chosen vessels for others to know about His love for them.

WORK(15 MINS)

Application

1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.

2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer