

Weekly Message Study Guide

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The Jericho Road | **BYPASSERS: Understanding the Priest & Levite**

Week 3 | September 27

Luke 10:25-32

Context:

- Start out this week by reading Luke 10:25-32 out loud.
- Then read it again from a different translation than you normally would: NIV, NLT, The Message, ESV?

Reflect:

- What are some stories from the Bible you recall in which Jesus is pictured as interceding for or serving people in their vulnerability and need? What stirs in your heart and mind as you think of that story?
- On a scale of 1 (= I strongly disagree) to 10 (= I strongly agree), how would you rate the following statement: "I believe that Christ-followers are called by God to be people who intercede for and serve others." Why do you believe what you do?
- Describe a time or two when you were going along the road of life and made a detour to address someone's need for compassion and care. What moved you to do that? What was the result of your encounter?
- Why do you think Christians aren't more widely known and celebrated for this sort of behavior? Of the potential reasons below we "Bypass" those in need which one is most resonates with you?
 - a. We justify our inaction based on our perceived inability to provide help.
 - b. We justify our inaction because of the inherent personal risk.
 - c. We justify our inaction on the basis of the circumstances of others, "they got what they deserve."
- Are there any other common ways we justify our inaction and become "Bypassers" that should be on this list for our growing self-awareness?
- Of the reason that most resonates with you, what spiritual practices can you begin to engage in, to develop and express a heart more like Jesus?

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Practice of the Week:

AND AGAIN...Walk your neighborhood - but this week, as you walk make note of the neighbors homes you don't really know, you "bypass" (intentionally or maybe unintentionally) or literally avoid. As you walk listen to Luke 10:25-37 on your favorite Bible app. Notice what stands out to you in your neighborhood as you listen to the Scriptures and you walk. Be fully present and don't take things for granted that you've think you've seen before. Like the previous weeks, seek to experience your neighborhood anew. As you walk pray for your neighbors. Listen for where God is working and act accordingly. We'd love to hear your experience of this, share on our [FaceBook Grow Page](#) or email Pastor Eric Haskins: ehaskins@ChristChurch.us.