

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:25–37

‘Who is my neighbour?’

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ And he answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.’

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.” Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’

Reflection

In this story, Jesus teaches us that our neighbor isn’t just the people we know—it’s everyone, especially those who need help. The Good Samaritan didn’t ignore the hurt man like the others did. He stopped, took care of him, and made sure he was safe.

St. Vincent de Paul taught us to do the same! Being a good neighbor means helping others, showing kindness, and sharing God’s love. It could be a classmate who feels left out, a friend who is sad, or someone in need. Jesus tells us, “Go and do the same.” Let’s look for ways to help and be good neighbors every day!

“Love is not just words; it must be shown in actions.” – St. Vincent de Paul.



Materials needed

Paper and pens

Activity

As a group, create a list of all the different people who make up your local community—your neighbours in the broadest sense. Think beyond the obvious and consider every group, including those who might often be overlooked. Who do you see in your community? Who might be in need of support, kindness, or connection? Let’s think widely and inclusively!

Call to Action

Now that we’ve identified our neighbours, let’s take action this week by reaching out to at least one group or individual on our list. It could be through a kind gesture, a friendly conversation, or offering support in some way. Let’s share God’s love by being good neighbours in our community!

