



Week #6 (October 18, 2020) - "Beyond Charity" Luke 10:33-37

1. As our Sunday morning worship services move back into the sanctuary this Sunday (October 25) – how does that make you feel? Are you concerned? Excited? Anxious? Worried? Frustrated that you can't be back for worship? Before you start the rest of the questions – take a few minutes to pray for where people in your group are in regards to reopening the sanctuary. Pray for unity for the church. Pray for wisdom for the leadership of the church to continue to make sound and safe choices.
2. For you, is there anyone who fits into the mold of what a Samaritan meant to that culture? How can we get around to loving someone when we don't even like them?
3. When you hear the term "sacrificial living" – what comes to mind? What parts of your life does sacrificial living affect?
4. How do you feel about giving to the church? How do you feel about giving to other non-profit organizations? Is it easier for you to give of your time? Your talent? Or your treasure – financial gifts? Why are some of these easier and some of these harder?
5. The word Incarnation means "to take on flesh." Jesus is called the incarnation of God. We are Jesus in the flesh to those around us. What does it look like in your life to be an incarnational witness to your neighbors? How can God use you and all the humans that are around you to affect positive change?
6. Read Acts 3:1-10. Notice how Peter and John engage with the handicapped person by engaging with their eyes? How important is eye contact when you serve others?
7. Referring back to Acts 3, when Peter and John pronounce that they do not have any gold or silver, what do they offer instead? Is what they offer better or worse than what is eventually given? Do you have any sense that when God works through you that real healing might take place? Why or why not?
8. Look over the last 6 weeks. Is God challenging you in some part of your life? Has he called you into something new? Have you taken any risks in your walk with God? Have you felt any kind of pull to step in and help someone?