

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – May 7- May 12**  
***Doing Life Together – Threads of Thrive – Compassion***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 10:30

**OBSERVATION:** Our compassion is to be driven, not by the “worth” of the recipient but by the need. Jesus just says, “a man” some translations add “A certain man...” Today we would probably just say, “Just some guy, some bloke, some person – a nobody”. Compassion reminds us that everyone is important! I think this parable reminds us that ALL people are important!

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 10:33

**OBSERVATION:** I’m sure it would have been a shock for the hearers of this story if Jesus had told the people this injured man was an ordinary Jewish man and still, these two religious men did not help ... but rather a Samaritan helping a Jew who had been ignored by his fellow Jews. This would have been understood as outrageous and scandalous by his hearers. The Greek word used here for ‘pity/compassion’ (‘splachnizomai’) is a very vivid one. It comes from a word that refers to the intestines, or bowels. In other words he was moved in his deepest parts. The Samaritan’s heart & mind & very being was so stirred up within him so much that it would have been impossible for him to pass by without helping. That’s the way real compassion affects us. It stirs us; it troubles us, it keeps us awake at night until we do something.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 10:34

**OBSERVATION:** You must move toward people to express compassion, in order to build relationships. Building relationships with people does not just mystically happen, it takes concentrated effort and determination and desire! Notice as well that it was the Samaritan that moved toward someone; Who if he was conscious would despise him; Someone who no doubt would not do the same for him.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 10:35

**OBSERVATION:** The Samaritan put him on his own donkey, which meant of course that the Samaritan walked. He was personally inconvenienced. This man really went the extra mile, because he took this man to an inn. He could have just patched him up on the side of the road, but he didn’t. If we are honest this morning - the reason many of us do not get involved is that we do not want to pay the price! Getting involved eats into your time, your finances and your plans!

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 10: 36-37

**OBSERVATION:** At the conclusion of His story Jesus asks the expert one additional question: Verse 36: “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man” If you listen carefully enough, you can almost hear the lawyer choking on his words here. Notice in his answer that he cannot even bring himself to say the word “Samaritan” .... so he responds in verse 37 with, “The one who had mercy on him.”

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 10: 30-37

**OBSERVATION:** Being a neighbor in a postmodern culture that stresses anonymity over community, reserve over compassion, me-ism over other-ism, challenges our commitment. It might mean crossing social lines, or cultural divides. It might mean figuring out who is our neighbor by simply sharing 15 minutes across the hedge, or lending a hand to a stranger, or talking at the bus stop to the face you see every day and never acknowledge, or making eye contact on the sidewalk, or in the hallway, or even stopping to save a life.