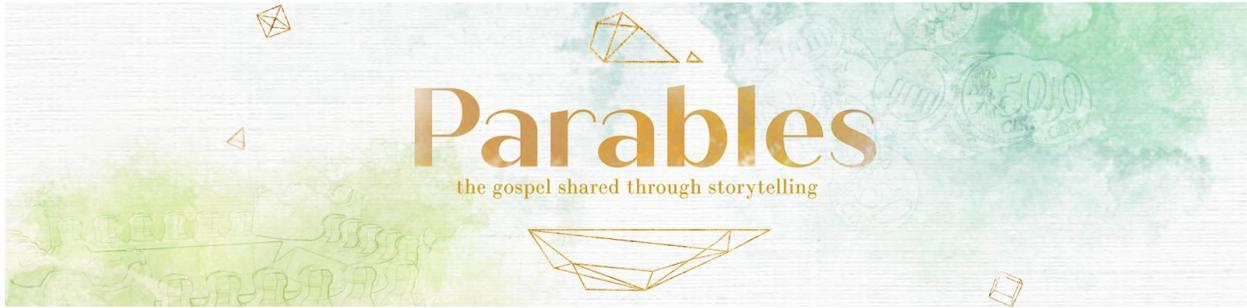




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1. When you think of a good neighbor, what characteristics or actions come to mind?
2. Describe your best and worst neighbors ever.
3. Read Luke 10:25-29. What was the legal expert's original question? How did he get to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" What was this man trying to accomplish?
4. Religiously observant Jews in Jesus' day tended to limit the scope of their care and compassion to those who were like them. How is our behavior similar in the modern church?
5. Who are we obligated to help, beyond those who are like us?
6. Read Luke 10:30-37. Jesus' story turns the tables on the inquirer. Instead of answering "Who is my neighbor?", Jesus answers the question "Am I a neighbor?" Why is this important?
7. How has our familiar usage of the term "good samaritan" created challenges for understanding this parable?
8. The priest did not want to risk becoming ceremonially unclean by assisting the beaten traveler. How can our own faith convictions and practices keep us from helping others?
9. The levite was very occupied with religious duties, so much so that he likely assessed the situation and kept walking. How can our pace of life and busyness keep us from helping others?
10. In verse 33, Jesus describes the Samaritan as having compassion for the beaten traveler. Why is this significant in the story, and in our application of this story to our lives?
11. The Samaritan became actively involved in caring for the victim. What are some responses we substitute for becoming actively involved in the brokenness of another person's life?



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12. What are some actions you can take this week to get involved in helping someone in need?
13. How does this parable help us to understand and experience the redemptive work of Jesus? What difference should that perspective have on the way we care for those who are hurting around us?