

# Vantage Point

*How the KINGDOM puts all of LIFE in perspective!*

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## ***The Kingdom way of LOVE***

**First week:** WHEN is the Kingdom of God?

\* Now...though not yet in fullness!

**Last week:** For WHOM is the Kingdom of God?

\* Those with need, willing to receive God's grace!

**This week:** WHAT is life in the Kingdom like?

**Luke 10:25-37**→ Like a Good Neighbor...

**Intro:** Life forever in the Kingdom is defined by love: God/Others

**Lawyer's Question:** *Who is...my neighbor?*

\* *Who am I free NOT to love?*

**Jesus' Answer:** Do not focus on WHO, but on how well you love!

**The Story**

\* Mercy and Love know no bounds.

\* **Genuine Compassion:** Heart *AND* Action

1- Heart: (v.33)

2- Action: (vv.34-35)

a- He meets the immediate need.

b- He secures the man's safety.

c- He provides for long-term well-being.

God doesn't just give us GRACE, He gives us His Gracious Heart!

**Jesus' Question:** Who is a neighbor to the man in the ditch?

**Lawyer's Answer:** The one who "showed mercy".

**Jesus' Challenge:** Go. Love like that!!

*- Is there anyone on the outside of my circle that*

*God wants to reach through me?*

*- Am I moved from within by need around me?*

*- Am I growing to believe that I am a part of God's solution?*

**Kingdom Vantage Point:** Receive Mercy...and then extend Mercy!

**Matthew 18:21-35**→ A Merciful King!

\* King. Van. Pt.: MERCY...makes merciful those who receive it!!

\* The IRONY: The ONE who is dramatically set free from an incalculable debt imprisons the one who owes virtually nothing.

- He's not REALLY FREE!

\* God's Mercy is not just "good to know"...it radically transforms those who receive it! Not overnight, but genuine change comes to the heart!