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18 Summers Love in Action

- A. Intro: Have you ever been hurting and no one noticed?
- B. Big Idea: Our Goal is to model Love in Action every day.
- C. Scripture: Luke 10:25-37 NLT – ²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” ²⁷ The man answered, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” ²⁸ “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” ²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. ³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ ” ³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”
- D. How do we model love in action?
 - a. Think beyond Ourselves
 - i. Philippians 2:3-4 NLT – ³ Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.
 - ii. Luke 10:25 NLT – ²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”
 - iii. Luke 16:15 NLT – ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “You like to appear righteous in public, but God knows your hearts. What this world honors is detestable in the sight of God.
 - b. Open our Eyes to the People in need around Us

- i. Acts 4:12 NLT – ¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”
- ii. Neighbor – a friend, any other person, according to Jesus, any other man irrespective of nation or religion with whom we live or whom we chance to meet. (BLB)
- iii. Luke 10:31-32 NLT – ³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

c. Choose to Engage our Neighbor

- i. Luke 10:34-35 NLT – ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’
- ii. Luke 18:16 NLT – ¹⁶ Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

E. Close: Who does the Lord need to soften your heart toward?

a. Next Steps

- i. Memorize: Acts 4:12 NLT – ¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”
- ii. Think: Who am I prone to ignore?
- iii. Action: Engage those around you and go above and beyond.