

MAIN POINT

Once we understand the mission of Jesus, we display we are on His mission by how we live.

INTRODUCTION

What is the worst experience you have ever had at a restaurant or hotel? What made this experience bad? How did this bad experience compare to the supposed “mission” (or “core values”) of this business?

We have all experienced poor service from a business at some point. These situations are often frustrating because they contradict the stated or implied goal of the business. If a business is created to serve customers but does not provide good service, it fails to accomplish its mission. Likewise, if the church says that it follows the mission of Jesus but does not love others well or pursue them with the gospel, we fail to accomplish His mission. To truly be on Jesus’ mission is to display it with our lives.

DISCUSSION

> READ LUKE 10:25-37.

What is the most challenging part of Jesus’ story to you? Why?

What does it look like in practical terms to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind? On the other hand, what actions and attitudes make it evident that you love your neighbor as yourself? How do these two connect to Jesus’ mission for the church?

Why do you think Jesus chose the Samaritan to be the hero of the story?

What was the scope of the Samaritan’s sacrifice? What do his instructions to the innkeeper tell you about his compassion? How did his actions display what he believed?

How does Jesus’ parable teach us to be compassionate?

More than just physically crossing the road when we see a homeless person, how do we “pass by on the other side” when we see people in need?

Just by observing your actions, what mission would an outsider say you are on?

APPLICATION

What needs to change to show that you not only understand the mission of Jesus, but also that you are joining His mission in the way that you live your life?