TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: LUKE 10:25-37

"GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER"

"If you want your church to become purpose-driven, you will have to lead it through four critical phases." (pg. 93-94)

<u>4 CRITICAL PHASES:</u> (pg. 94)
1. Define Your Purpose;
2. Communicate Purposes;
3.Organize Around Purposes;
4. Apply Your Purposes;

"It is not enough to merely define a purpose statement and communicate it, you must organize around your church..." (pg. 122) CIRLCES OF COMMITMENT (pg. 130): 1. Community 2. Crowd 3. Congregation 4. Committed 5. Core "The goal of your church is to move people from the outer circle *(low comm./maturity)* to the inner circle *(high commitment/maturity)*" (pg. 130-134)

"Making the leap from a purpose statement to purpose-driven actions requires leadership that is totally committed..." (pg. 137)

"...moving...unchurched from the community to your crowd (for worship)...Core back out into the community (for evangelism)." (pg. 138) "...I suggest you grown the church from the outside in, rather than from the inside out. Start with community ...not core!" (pg. 138)

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"Then JESUS answered and said: 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him out of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." *Luke 10:30* "Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side." *Luke 10:31* "Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side." *Luke 10:32*

"But a certain <u>Samaritan</u>, as he journeyed, came where he was..."

Luke 10:33a

SAMARITANS:

I Kings 11:30-31 "...Ahijah took hold of the new garment...tore it into twelve pieces. And...said to Jeroboam, 'Take for yourself ten pieces...for thus says the LORD...I will...give ten tribes to you..."

SAMARITANS:

II Kings 17:24 "Then the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon...and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel;

and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities."

SAMARITANS:

II Kings 17:40-41 "However they did not obey, but they followed their formal rituals. So these nations feared the LROD, yet served carved images;...even to this day."

SERMONIC POINTS: #1: COMPASSION #2: CARE #3: CURRENCY

SERMONIC POINT #1: COMPASSION

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had <u>compassion</u>." Luke 10:33

SERMONIC POINT #2: CARE

"So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took <u>care</u> of him." *Luke 10:34*

SERMONIC POINT #3: CURRENCY

"On the next day, when he departed, he took out <u>two</u> <u>denarii</u>, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you." Luke 10:35

"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" *Luke 10:36*

"And he said, 'He who showed mercy on him." Then JESUS said to him, 'Go and do likewise." *Luke 10:37*