

THE PARABOLIC TEACHING ABOUT CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Lesson 12: The Good 'Half-Breed' and the Full-Blooded Stinkers

15-Point Chronological Discussion Outline & Worksheet • Dr. Dallas Willard Lecture Series (1983)

1. Testing Jesus with the Great Question

[Audio ~00:00 – 03:45]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:25–26; Matthew 22:35–40

Dallas Willard Insight: A lawyer tested Jesus: 'What shall I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus pointed him back to the core commandment.

Discussion Question: Why does Jesus respond to theoretical religious questions by pointing directly to heart obedience?

My Notes & Answer:

2. Love God and Love Your Neighbor

[Audio ~03:45 – 07:15]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:27; Leviticus 19:18; Deut. 6:5

Dallas Willard Insight: The lawyer correctly summarized the law: love God with all heart, soul, strength, and mind, and neighbor as self.

Discussion Question: How does loving God fully and loving neighbor as self summarize the whole purpose of human life?

My Notes & Answer:

3. Seeking to Justify Himself

[Audio ~07:15 – 10:30]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:28–29; Luke 16:15

Dallas Willard Insight: Desiring to justify himself, the lawyer asked: 'And who is my neighbor?' trying to limit his obligation.

Discussion Question: How do people use legalistic definitions of 'neighbor' to justify excluding certain people from compassion?

My Notes & Answer:

4. The Shift from 'Who' to 'Neighboring'

[Audio ~10:30 – 14:00]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:30, 36; Romans 13:8–10

Dallas Willard Insight: Jesus shifts focus from defining 'who is my neighbor' to active 'neighboring'—becoming a loving neighbor to anyone in need.

Discussion Question: How does shifting from defining who deserves help to actively becoming a neighbor transform our ethics?

My Notes & Answer:

5. The Man Falling Among Robbers

[Audio ~14:00 – 17:30]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:30; Jericho Road context

Dallas Willard Insight: A man traveled from Jerusalem down to Jericho, was stripped, beaten, and left half dead by thieves.

Discussion Question: What does the victim on the Jericho road represent regarding human vulnerability and suffering?

My Notes & Answer:

6. The Priest Passing By on the Other Side

[Audio ~17:30 – 21:00]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:31; Numbers 19:11

Dallas Willard Insight: A priest saw the bleeding man and passed by on the other side, prioritizing ceremonial purity over human life.

Discussion Question: Why do religious people sometimes use religious duties or purity rules to excuse inaction toward suffering?

My Notes & Answer:

7. The Levite Looking and Passing By

[Audio ~21:00 – 24:30]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:32; 1 John 3:17

Dallas Willard Insight: A Levite came, looked at the victim, and likewise passed by on the other side, refusing to get involved.

Discussion Question: How does observing human suffering without taking action harden a religious person's heart?

My Notes & Answer:

8. The Compassionate Samaritan

[Audio ~24:30 – 28:00]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:33; John 4:9

Dallas Willard Insight: A despised Samaritan traveler saw the victim and felt deep compassion, ignoring cultural and racial hatred.

Discussion Question: Why was it shocking that a despised Samaritan expressed true divine compassion where religious leaders failed?

My Notes & Answer:

9. Binding Wounds with Oil and Wine

[Audio ~28:00 – 31:30]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:34; Proverbs 3:27

Dallas Willard Insight: The Samaritan bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine, set him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn.

Discussion Question: What does the Samaritan's hands-on care teach us about practical, tangible Christian love?

My Notes & Answer:

10. Paying the Cost of Recovery

[Audio ~31:30 – 35:00]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:35; 2 Corinthians 8:9

Dallas Willard Insight: He gave two denarii to the innkeeper and promised to repay any extra cost, showing lavish, uncalculating generosity.

Discussion Question: How does true Kingdom love involve personal financial sacrifice and long-term commitment to care?

My Notes & Answer:

11. 'Which Proved Neighbor to Him?'

[Audio ~35:00 – 38:30]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:36; Matthew 7:12

Dallas Willard Insight: Jesus asked which of the three proved to be a neighbor. The lawyer admitted: 'The one who showed mercy.'

Discussion Question: How does showing practical mercy identify us as true neighbors and disciples of Christ?

My Notes & Answer:

12. 'Go and Do Likewise'

[Audio ~38:30 – 42:00]

Scripture Focus: Luke 10:37; James 1:22, 27

Dallas Willard Insight: Jesus commands: 'Go and do likewise.' Christianity is not debating theology, but living active compassion.

Discussion Question: What does Jesus' command 'Go and do likewise' require of us when we encounter hurting people?

My Notes & Answer:

13. Redeeming the Present Moment

[Audio ~42:00 – 45:15]

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 5:16; Galatians 6:10

Dallas Willard Insight: Kingdom life means stepping out of our busy agenda to redeem the immediate moment when need crosses our path.

Discussion Question: How can we cultivate space in our daily routine to notice and respond to immediate human needs?

My Notes & Answer:

14. Overcoming Self-Protective Inaction

[Audio ~45:15 – 47:30]

Scripture Focus: 1 John 4:18; Philippians 2:4

Dallas Willard Insight: Fear and self-protection keep us from helping others; Christ's love frees us to risk inconvenience and safety.

Discussion Question: How does divine love deliver us from fear and self-protective excuses when called to help others?

My Notes & Answer:

15. Becoming a Channel of God's Compassion

[Audio ~47:30 – 50:00]

Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 1:3–4; Matthew 25:40

Dallas Willard Insight: When we extend compassion to the hurting, God uses our hands and resources to manifest His Kingdom on earth.

Discussion Question: How does serving hurting people allow Christ's Kingdom presence to become visible through us?

My Notes & Answer: