

Communicate Creatively (Luke 10:25-42)

Change Your World – Part 5
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Acts 17:26-27 (NIV) From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

Romans 10:14 (NLT) But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

1. Ask _____ to engage people

1A. Understand the _____ mentality

Luke 10:25 (NIV) On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

1B. Refer to the _____

Luke 10:26-27 (NIV) "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

1C. Show good works cannot earn eternal life

Luke 10:28-29 (NIV) "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

2. Use _____ to communicate

Luke 10:30 (NIV) In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

2A. _____ is not the answer

Luke 10:31-32 (NIV) A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

2B. True faith is demonstrated by _____

Luke 10:33-34 (NIV) But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

3. _____ a challenge

3A. Use a question to _____

Luke 10:36-37b (NIV) "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

3B. Challenge to take _____

Luke 10:37b (NIV) Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:41-42 (NIV) "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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Intro. Why does God sovereignly orchestrate the details of people's lives (Acts 17:26-27)? How can this truth encourage you to reach out to others?

What is our responsibility in reaching out to those in our circle of influence (Romans 10:14)?

- 1A. Why do you think that asking questions may often be more productive than simply telling someone what they ought to do or believe?
- 1B. What do you think was behind the question of the expert in the law for Jesus (Luke 10:25)? Why do many people think their good works will earn them a place in heaven?
- 1C. What is the significance of Jesus' question to the expert (Luke 10:26-27)?
- 1D. Why did the expert ask Jesus the question "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:28-29)?
- 1E. What kind of questions could you ask people you know to begin a discussion of spiritual truth?

- 2A. Why do you think that Jesus told a story rather than answer the expert's question directly (Luke 10:30)?
- 2B. The expert in the Law undoubtedly worked in the temple with the priests and the Levites. How does Jesus' story indicate that religion is not the way to eternal life (Luke 10:31-32)?
- 2C. Why is it significant that a Samaritan helped the beaten man (Luke 10:33-35)?
- 2D. How could your story of believing in Jesus be used to communicate God's truth with someone in your life?
- 3A. How does Jesus' question to the expert show him what was wrong with his question and mindset (Luke 10:36-37a)?
- 3B. Why was it impossible for the expert to follow Jesus' challenge in his own strength to inherit eternal life (Luke 10:37b)?
- 3C. How does the story of Mary and Martha reinforce Jesus' conclusion that good works can never produce eternal life (Luke 10:38-42)?
- 3D. Who can you pray for an opportunity to share the good news with? Who can you invite to our Easter service on April 20?