

Who is a neighbor? We continue to think about the Good Samaritan story and what comes to mind is that a stranger takes care of a person in need of help. In fact, the Samaritan and the injured man are enemies but that does not matter. Jesus wants to teach us that we are responsible to care for others we do not know. The priest and the Levite ignored the wounds of the Jewish man. In fact, they both crossed the road. The reason the two men probably passed by the man was to obey Jewish law. They were important people who probably could not touch him. So, they put religious tradition above the care for an individual. The Samaritan, on the other hand, put aside his dislike for Jews and cared for the man who was beaten. Who do you think Jesus liked more?

Challenge for next week: Think about the ways in which you can do things out of the ordinary. Just because we do things because it's a tradition or habit does not make it good in the eyes of Jesus.

See you next time!
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