

For the week of March 24, 2019

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# No Urgency

Third week in the series: *Bridges and Barriers*

Luke 10:30-37

At times, many Christians feel a lack of urgency about sharing the gospel--a lack of urgency about telling people about Jesus. There doesn't seem to be any rush. Eternity seems far off, while today appears bright and sunny. Why do we sometimes feel this way? Why don't we feel greater urgency about sharing the Good News? Hopefully, as we look into the parable of the Good Samaritan, God will bring some factors to light that may be involved.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think you know the questions people are asking about God?
2. Have you ever had a time when you felt a sense of urgency--a time when you felt compelled to respond to some need, a need that simply couldn't wait? Explain.
3. In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), why do you think the priest and the Levite felt no urgency about helping the man beaten by the side of the road while the Good Samaritan did? What appears to be the difference?
4. What factors, especially here in the Silicon Valley, might prevent us from seeing people as being in urgent need, especially in urgent need of Jesus? Do people look like they're in urgent need? Why or why not?
5. When the Good Samaritan looked at the man beaten up by the side of the road, he felt compassion. Literally, he felt intestines, felt a gut-level reaction to the suffering of another person. How would you describe yourself when it comes to having compassionate gut-level feelings for the suffering of others? Would you call yourself basically uncompassionate, somewhat compassionate, very compassionate, or...?
6. What do you think it would take either for you personally or for the church as a community to feel more urgency about sharing the gospel?