



Compassion  
And  
the Kingdom of God

# A little bit about me

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# Overview

- Context of Luke 10:25-37
- Compassion and the Kingdom of God
- Redemptive Unity
- Resources/Q&A

# Context of Luke 10:25-37

- A glance at Luke 9 and 10
- The set up of Luke 10:25-37
- What was the big deal about Samaritans?
  1. Jesus rebukes James and John (Luke 9:51-56)
  2. Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
  3. Samaritan leper (Luke 17:11-19)
  4. “You will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)
  5. Apostles preach in Samaria (Acts 8:4-25)
  6. Paul travels through Samaria (Acts 15:3)

## Context of Luke 10:25-37

- “The Good Samaritan story...deals with a primary social and cultural barrier that characterized Judaism (and Jesus’ budding disciples): that is, they hated the Samaritans. This animosity, if left uncorrected, would no doubt hinder the spread of the gospel, for in the book of Acts the spreading of the gospel to the region of Samaria is a critical step. This cannot be coincidental.” (Hays)

## Context of Luke 10:25-37

<p><u>Luke 9:37-43</u> Disciples unable to cast out demon</p>	<p><u>Acts 8:7</u> Philip casts out demons</p>
<p><u>Luke 9:51-55</u> Single Samaritan village rejects Jesus and the disciples</p>	<p><u>Acts 8:5-6</u> Samaritans listen to the gospel; joy in the city (<i>Jews in Jerusalem pushed the disciples to preach elsewhere</i>)</p>
<p><u>Luke 9:51-55</u> Single Samaritan village rejects Jesus and the disciples</p>	<p><u>Acts 8:25</u> Peter and John preach in many Samaritan villages</p>

## Luke 10:25-29

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

## Luke 10:30-34

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.



## Luke 10:35-37

<sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

<sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy."  
And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

# Compassion and the kingdom of God

- TV/pop culture neighbors



# Compassion and the kingdom of God

- In Luke-Acts, the Kingdom of God is a key theme
  - Acts 1:3, *“He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.”*
- This passage is about dismantling the old paradigm of entrance into, acceptance into, and the makeup of God’s kingdom and the Servant King that ushers in this new kingdom



# Compassion and the Kingdom of God

- Ronald Davis
  - “I’m a human being...and it’s hard...”
  - “You just lose all your [dignity] when you [are] shaking a cup begging.”
  - “No matter what people think about me I know I’m a human first. And just ‘cause I’m down on my luck don’t give nobody no excuse to call me no bum...because I’m not.”
- *splagma* – to be moved with bowels of pity
  - It is the word most used to describe the emotional state of Jesus Christ

# Compassion and the kingdom of God

- “Jesus taught that a lack of concern for the poor is not a minor lapse, but reveals that something is seriously wrong with one’s spiritual compass, the heart.” Generous Justice, Tim Keller
- Roman Empire - Julian
  - “Nothing has contributed to the progress of the superstition of these Christians as their charity to strangers. The impious Galileans provide not only for their own poor but for ours as well.”

# Compassion and the Kingdom of God

- The Good Samaritan points us to Jesus Christ
  - Christ not only communicates a message of being a good neighbor: He is the model of “neighborly-ness”
  - Our ability to be a good neighbor is fundamentally rooted in the work and person of Jesus Christ

# redemptive unity

- What is Redemptive Unity? It is the natural response to the saving nature of the Gospel whereby sinners are both saved by grace (individual) AND joined together with others into one body (corporate)
- Redemptive unity is what we see in Revelation 7:9-10

*<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*



# Redemptive unity

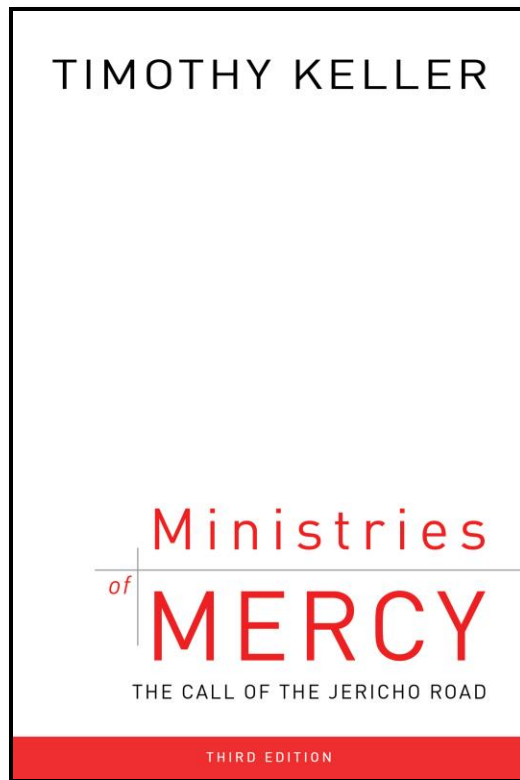
- Prayer
  - *Corporate prayer time, Monthly newsletter*
- Equipping – Personal Education and Growth
  - *Book studies, RU curriculum module, Podcast*
- Engagement – Community Education and Growth
  - *Seminar series, Conferences, Community events*

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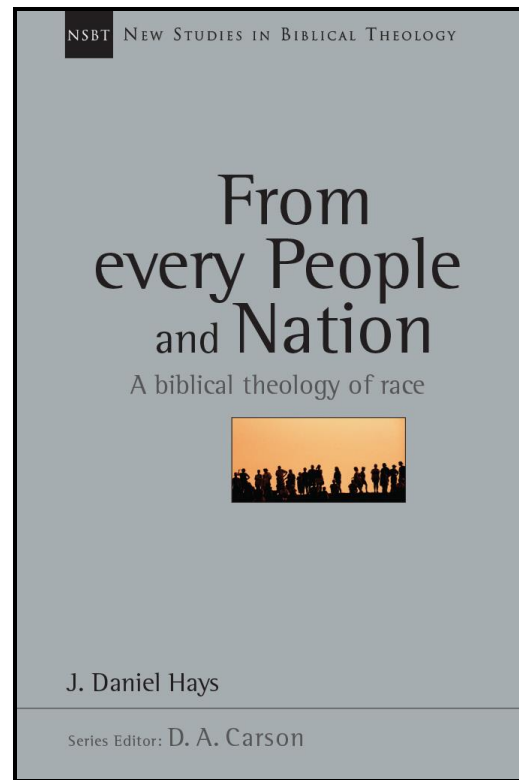
- Join with the church as we pray for Radical Dependence
- Greet, Befriend, and Invite your neighbors, co-workers
  - City Ministry Teams
- Serve with Community Outreach partners
- Volunteer within the life of the church
  - Students and Children

# Resources

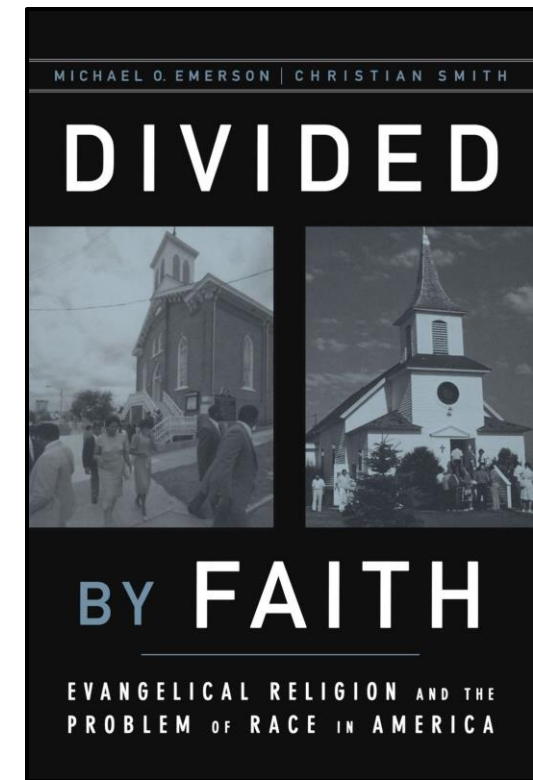
Ministries of Mercy  
(Keller)



From Every People and Nation  
(Hays)

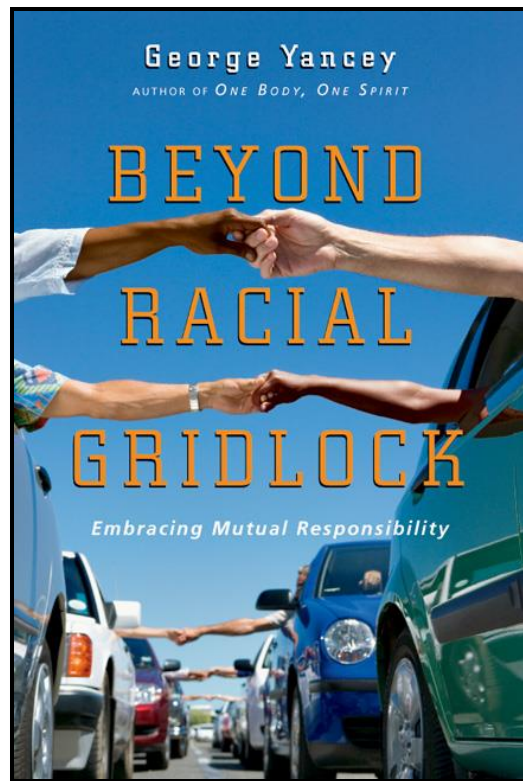


Divided by Faith  
(Emerson and Smith)

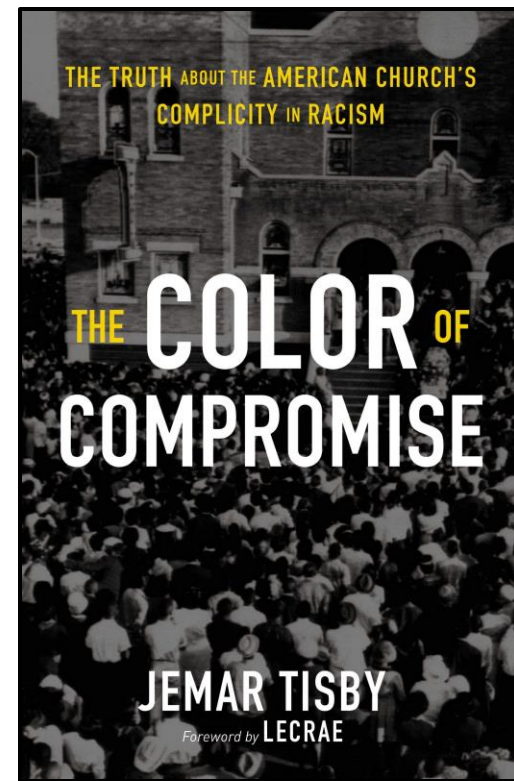


# Resources

Beyond Racial Gridlock  
(Yancey)



The Color of Compromise  
(Tisby)



# Q & A



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