

## GETTING OFF YOUR DONKEY

(Vision and Values – Part 6)

October 3, 2021

*“Gold Coast exists to build a community which proclaims the gospel of Jesus by loving people into the Kingdom of God, training disciples to make disciples, growing people into spiritual maturity, and transforming our world through personal renewal.”*

Q. Why is loving people into the Kingdom of God a core value for us?

A. People are either loved into the kingdom or they \_\_\_\_\_

### THE CASE STUDY OF A MUGGING- Luke 10

Q. Why don't we get off our donkey and get into the ditch?

A. A lack of \_\_\_\_\_

Increase compassion by...

... \_\_\_\_\_ for yourself and others

... putting yourself in others' “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ good questions

... \_\_\_\_\_ up

Q. From where does the power to live like this come?

A. Only by embracing \_\_\_\_\_ as the true neighbor and what he's done for you

## Life Group Questions for the Week of October 3, 2021

1. We talked about being loved into the kingdom of God on Sunday. How would you describe the way(s) in which you were loved into the kingdom of God?

2. With what character/s (the muggers, the muggee, the priest/Levite, the Samaritan, the donkey or the innkeeper) do you identify most in the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 and why?

3. We saw how the majority of those who came upon the man in the in the parable of the Good Samaritan didn't have enough compassion for him and, instead of helping him, just went on their way. How's your compassion for those outside the kingdom of God? In what ways do you need compassion to increase for those who don't yet know Jesus?

4. Of the ways to increase compassion that we looked at on Sunday, which do you need most to grow in and why?

5. What are ways you can actively/intentionally develop those disciplines/practices more in your life?

6. As was mentioned on Sunday, loving others into the kingdom has not only a “displaying/show” but also a “declaration/tell” aspect to it. Do you find it easier to “show” the gospel or “tell” the gospel to others? Why?

7. Jesus is the true neighbor we all need. In what ways does he, in what he has done and what he's now doing for you, enable you to love others who don't yet know/follow him?

8. Make a list of your “most wanted” to come into the kingdom. In addition to asking God to work in their hearts (and yours!), what else does God want you to do to partner with him to seeing that happen?

9. The good news about Jesus has some aspects to it that can be highly offensive to those outside the kingdom of God. What are some of those aspects? How might Ephesians 4:15, that tells us to speak the truth in love, apply to sharing “hard to hear” things about the gospel?