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Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Title: Outreach and Numbers.

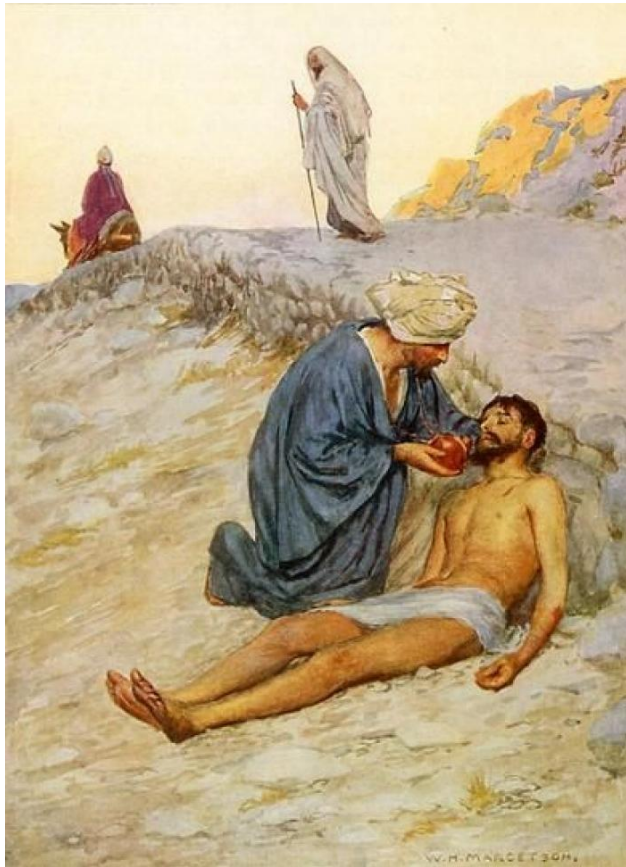
Introduction: Today, the church more than any other institution in the world is about outreach and numbers.



“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:4-7 NRSV



The parable of the Good Samaritan gives us a picture of a caring person regardless of the ethnic boundaries (Luke 10:25-37). A lot of us have heard this tale of good Samaritan throughout our lives. We walk away with a similar message each time, “be the good person”.



Two portion of the scriptures that the lawyer quotes:

1. Jesus asked the lawyer what is written in the Law. “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 (Luke 10:27a)
2. Love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27b)

Conclusion: There are choices out of this parable: You can either leave here with your comfortable walls of your own defined neighborhood or you leave this place and share the compassion that God has already given you generously.