

## What We're (Actually) Against | Week 3 - The Fight Against Selfishness

### Message Big Idea

As Christ-followers, we are against selfishness because Jesus is for generosity.

### Scripture

Luke 10:25-37, Philippians 2:1-11

### Points to Keep In Mind

1. There is much cultural background to this story. First of all, Jewish people and Samaritans were bitter enemies. The road the man had been traveling on was dangerous, and stopping to help another person could put one at risk. The Samaritan also doesn't know the injured man; he would have been a stranger.
2. The religious leaders in the story were busy, as many of us, and had limited resources and many obligations. The Jewish Law prohibited a Priest or a Levite from coming into contact with a dead body, and this injured man could very well already be dead. If they had come into contact with a dead body, they would have had to quarantine for ten days.
3. The story of the Good Samaritan is a story of a generous neighbor. The Samaritan had compassion in his heart for the injured man that moved him to act. This act of his was an inconvenience and cost the Samaritan time. When we are generous with our time, we place others' needs on a level with our own. Finally, he opened up his wallet and was generous with his resources so the injured man could get the ongoing care he needed.

### Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. If you missed Vision Sunday, check out the video here: [communitychristian.org/you](http://communitychristian.org/you)