

Across the Street

Luke 10:25-37

Cross Conroe begins tonight with our kick-off rally. Good time to talk about missions across the street.

Emmy award winning show aired from February 1968 to August 2001. It started with a little chorus, "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood"

Sometimes it's not a beautiful day in the neighborhood. There is pain, conflict, loneliness, lostness

That's where the Kingdom of God comes in. This is a hands-on responsibility for everyone who claims Christ as Savior. We can support missions across the ocean all day long, and, if we neglect showing God's love and life across the street, we are hypocrites.

The Royal Law

- Originally given in Leviticus 19:18
- Repeated nine times in the New Testament
- James 2:8 calls it the "royal" law, or law of the king
- Second greatest commandment
- It is evidence of our loving God I John 4:20

The Undeserving

- The man was travelling "The Bloody Way" from Jerusalem to Jericho
- Love those who get themselves into trouble

The Overlooked

- Two religious leaders turned away and passed him by
- Love those who have been rejected by others

Your Enemies

- Jesus addresses the issue of enemies on several levels
 - The injured man was assumed to be a Jew.
 - The audience would have cringed at the thought of a Samaritan being the hero
 - Jesus had just been rejected by the Samaritans
- Love those who don't like you, that you don't trust

The Unattractive

- The man was not a pretty sight to look at
- There are people who are unattractive in many ways

The Inconvenient

- The Samaritan interrupted his own agenda
- Are we willing to walk across the street in the name of Christ?