**Let There Be Love 12.10.2017** Luke 10:25-37

**ICEBREAKER** Discuss some of the gifts you’ve received over the years which seemed crazy or embarrassing and what you eventually ended up doing with them. Is there someone who consistently gets it wrong when it comes to choosing your gift?

**QUESTIONS**

1. Read Luke 10:25-29. Explain the difference between asking God a question to get answers and asking God a question to “justify” yourself. How does the difference reveal the attitude of a person’s heart?
2. Pastor Shannon said, “Love jumps over judgment and gets involved.” Discuss situations in which people tend to judge and avoid contact with those they’re judging. Read Matthew 9:9-13. How does continued avoidance affect Kingdom work?
3. Read John 13:34-35. In this context, what does Jesus mean by saying loving one another is “a new commandment”? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Consider the ways love behaves. With which of these do you need the most help from the Holy Spirit?
4. Read Matthew 8:1-4; James 2:14-17. Compare what Jesus did for the leper to what the priest and Levite did on the road to Jericho. How does extending a personal touch show our faith in God?
5. Read Luke 10:33-35; 1 John 4:9-10. What kind of sacrifice did the Samaritan make for the man who was robbed and beaten? How easy would it be for you to sacrifice time and two days’ wages to help a stranger? What things must die *in us* to make our effort a true sacrifice?

**THIS WEEK**  Be aware of those around you who seem down and out. “Jump over judgments” and act on their behalf with a personal touch. Intentionally watch for times when God is showing you opportunities and prayerfully ask for His help in responding with compassion.