

## The Price of Love

with Pastor Scott Whitford

**Luke 10:30-35** – “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii<sup>[e]</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

### Resources

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 5:43-46** – “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor<sup>[j]</sup> and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

### Putting off self-interests and self-protection

- i. The need to be \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. The need to be \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. The need to be \_\_\_\_\_

### The Christmas Connection

- i. Jesus paid a huge price in becoming a baby
  1. Left His rights
  2. Left His throne
  3. Took on mortality
  4. Lived in the brokenness of humanity

### Jesus Questions:

Lord, who do I find most difficult to love?

What price are you asking me to pay in order to love them the way you do?