Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for February 23, 2025 Vocation: A Better Question



Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week

• CONNECT

o What do you think it means to "flourish" in your work, relationships, or calling?

• GROW

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "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. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 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. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[c] 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.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o The Samaritan chooses to respond to the wounded man with compassion, even when others ignore him. What does this story reveal about how we should approach our vocations?
- o How can our vocations be opportunities to love and serve others, rather than just personal advancement?
- o The priest and Levite may have been too busy or concerned with ritual purity to help. What are

ways we might overlook opportunities to serve because we're preoccupied with other concerns?

- o Read Nehemiah 1:1-11 Nehemiah is deeply moved by the news of Jerusalem's broken walls.
 - o How do burdens or concerns in our lives help shape our calling?
 - o Nehemiah responds to this burden with prayer. How does prayer play a role in discerning our vocation?
 - What do you notice about Nehemiah's posture toward God and his people? How might humility and faithfulness shape how we live out our vocations?
- o Read Hebrews 12:1-3 Hebrews 12 urges us to run our race with endurance.
 - o How does this relate to choosing a vocation?
 - o The passage speaks of "laying aside every weight and sin" that hinders us. What distractions or fears often hold people back from fully embracing their calling?
 - o How does fixing our eyes on Jesus help us navigate challenges in our work or calling?
- SERVE others
 - This week, take time to reflect: What breaks your heart? Where is God leading you? How can you step forward in faith, trusting that your vocation is an opportunity to serve and flourish in His Kingdom?

• End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing