

## Next Steps:

### ***Our 4-week "Let Your Light Shine" project***

- a. The focus: Unexpected acts of kindness.
- b. Take a card and write your message on it.
- c. Send us a note, telling us what you were led to do.
  - We will post these anonymously at North River.
  - Be creative!
- d. The other side of the card leaves a way for others to send a response if they choose to do so.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Forces, Brevity, Subversive</li><li>3. Moves, Changes</li></ol> |
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## *Let Your Light Shine*

### **"Identifying Our Neighbors"**

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#### **Luke 10:25-37**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' and, 'Love your neighbor as your self.'"

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

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

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of 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 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, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins 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.'

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

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<sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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## **An interview with Ryan Keith, president of Forgotten Voices**

## **The Subversive Impact of the Good Samaritan**

### **1. It \_\_\_\_\_ us into the Story.**

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- a. Through \_\_\_\_\_, the parable invites questions.
- b. This becomes \_\_\_\_\_ teaching when we begin to place ourselves within the story.

### **2. It \_\_\_\_\_ us from our Comfort Zones.**

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- a. We face comfort zone issues every time we dissect the Good Samaritan parable.
- b. What are your Comfort Zone questions?

### **3. It \_\_\_\_\_ the essential question.**

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**Big Idea:** Jesus’ definition of a neighbor was expansive, not restrictive. Every time we step out of our comfort zones to act as a good neighbor, we honor Jesus.