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Jesus parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:30 – 37 challenges us to extend mercy to those in need. How easy it can be to pass by on the other side. We are too busy to stop. We are too self – absorbed to stop. We are too scared to stop. What will we say or do?

This People Helping Ministry Manual will lay before you a variety of ways to be a Good Samaritan. Yes, provide practical assistance where needed but also be a neighbor by coming along side of others with godly counsel, by intervening in times of crisis, by comforting in seasons of loss, by simply listening to people’s concerns, by providing opportunities for people to find support among others similarly struggling, and by taking time to visit those who need encouragement.

The Priest, Levite, and Samaritan all saw the need. Only the Samaritan, moved by compassion, went to the man in need. One of the biggest hurdles is taking that first step toward the person. So often, what to do becomes obvious once we actually stop and let ourselves feel.

This manual will provide some basic guidelines to steer you in the right direction.

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