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Discipleship: Made to Ripple

Luke 10: 25-37
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VBC Purpose Statement: *The purpose of Village Bible Church is to glorify God by making disciples who become **growing** and **servng** followers of Jesus Christ.*

I. The Ripple Effect of the Samaritan

My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done;
Leave countless marks for good or ill, ere sets the evening sun.
This is the wish I always wish, the prayer I always pray:
Lord, may my life help other lives it touches by the way.
Anonymous

Every life is a profession of faith, and exercises an
inevitable and silent influence. Henri Frederic Amiel

II. Who is my Neighbor?

- A. Anyone with a _____ that another knows about and is able to _____.
- B. The proof of neighborliness is one's _____ to the need.
- C. The _____ gospel is not a substitute for the Great Commission. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Bible expositor Bonar Law once said that love to man is truly love "only when it is rooted and governed by love to God. Piety without philanthropy is unreal; philanthropy without piety is either immoral or impotent." That's a sobering statement. There are lots of humanitarians who are doing good things, but if they are doing them without any relationship to God, the ultimate result is failure.

Ian M. Hay, SIM NOW, May-June, 1989, p. 2

III. The Ripple Effect of Jesus Christ: "Go and Do the same"

- A. We _____ our obedience to God by demonstrating _____ to those around us. (James 2:14-18)
- B. We _____ because He first _____ us.

(1 John 4:11-12, 19)

Together, let us quietly but intentionally create ripples as a way of life—on His behalf—and for His glory.