



LIVING PLANTED: Session Three

Where Duty Lives

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, You have given Your planted people various roles and responsibilities in life. Grant that the fruit of your Spirit might flourish as we live in those roles and carry out those responsibilities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Introduction

Read Aloud Matthew 21:28–31a

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.”

Q: What is the basic point of this parable?

Read Aloud Luke 10:25–37

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Q: From memory or by reading Luke 10:30-37, how does Jesus answer this question? Who is our neighbor?

Read Aloud 1 Corinthians 7:17

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

Q: In what areas of life have we been given Christian duties to perform? What roles have been given to us?

Read aloud Colossians 3:18-22, 4:1

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ^{4:1} Masters, treat your bondservants justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

Q: What roles can one be given in the home? Are these roles important to God and life in general?

Read Aloud Galatians 6:6

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

Q: What roles can one be given in the church? Are these roles important to God and life in general?

Read Aloud Romans 13:1

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

Q: What roles can one be given in the community? Are these roles important to God and life in general?

Read Aloud:

God does not leave us on our own to figure out how we are to love or who we are to love. He has given us his commandments in order that we might know how to love and he has given us our roles and responsibilities in life in order that we might know who to love. The fruits of his Spirit according to his promise and power come forward in all of these areas. The neighbor is loved and our purpose is found.

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, You have called us to love you and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We thank you for the neighbors that you have given to us in our homes, in the church, and in our communities. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we might walk in Christian love as we fulfill our Christian duty to them. In Jesus name, Amen.