

**WhyDoBe Series
Uncommon Love
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Opening

-(talk about series...and next week extensive recap...)

-participation moment: **What does it mean to be on a team?**

-John 13:35

-When Jesus tells us to have love for one another, He's telling us that being on His team will require us to love in ways that is uncommon in our world.

Introduction

-Luke 10:29-37

-We know this parable as The Good Samaritan but it could just as easily be called Uncommon Love.

Uncommon Love...Makes Room

-Jews vs. Samaritans

- Samaritans an ethnic group from Jews intermarrying with foreigners (after Northern Kingdom fell to Assyrians 721 BC)
- Jews viewed themselves as being racially superior

-let's make this current...a man wearing a MAGA hat and a man wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt...

-Are you making room for the possibility that people you don't like or prefer are just as godly as you are?

- (talk about political mythology in churches)

-Are you making room **for the possibility that people you don't like or prefer are able to minister to you?**

- (Jesus saying Jews and Samaritans need one another)

-Are you making room **for the possibility that Jesus wants His team to be confusingly diverse?**

- (imagine the confusion of those at the inn in the parable when a Samaritan and Jew enter together)

-Galatians 3:28

Uncommon Love...Stops

-Uncommon Love is not a human impulse, it is only and always a Holy Spirit prompting.

-Galatians 5:16-17

-Luke 10:33 (he felt compassion)

-The Holy Spirit more often than not speaks through the language of virtue.

-As you move through your day, are you expecting the Holy Spirit to cause you to "feel?"

-The "where" of Jesus' miracles

- Wedding at Cana (John 2) ... Social Life
- The Miraculous Catch (John 21) ... Work Life
- Paralytic Through Roof (Luke 5) ... Home Life

-Let's not just expect the Holy Spirit to speak to us in "religious" settings!

Uncommon Love...Goes

-When the Holy Spirit causes us to feel something it always leads to going somewhere.

-Luke 10:31-34

- Priest does not stop or go
- Temple assistant stops but does not go
- Samaritan stops, goes, and acts

-(tell story of Harriet Tubman movie of when she decides to make her first rescue)

-The Proximity Principle: Getting close enough to make a difference means getting close enough to be hurt.

-What might “going” look like for you?

- *Is there a conversation with a family member you’ve been avoiding?*
- *Is there an objection at your workplace you’ve been reluctant to raise?*
- *Is there involvement here at City Life you’ve been resisting?*

Uncommon Love...Acts

-Luke 10:34-35

-When the Holy Spirit causes us to feel something it always leads to going somewhere requiring personal sacrifice somehow.

-Kingdom costs always far exceed worldly standards.

-Luke 10:29

Band

-Bishop Claude Alexander has a great insight on this verse...

-Jesus is always challenging us to stop looking for reasons to restrict our effort, instead look for opportunities to expand our impact!

Close

-Hebrews 10:24-25