

What difference is the Church making in the world today?

Realizing my purpose will shape my actions.

"Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Luke 10:25 NIV

The purpose of the Priest and the Levite – Institutional-purposed.

A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:31,32NIV

The purpose of the Samaritan – Person-purposed

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. "

Luke 10:33 NIV

The first question the priest and the Levite asked was: If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? But the good Samaritan reversed the question: If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"
Martin Luther King Jr.

To be a neighbor four things must happen.

1. I must have an awareness of the need.
2. I must also have access to the need.
3. I must have the ability to resolve the need.
4. I must act in a way that...

...demands risk.

...offers personal involvement.

...involves paying a cost.

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. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper.

Luke 10:34, 35 NIV