

Justifying Yourself

... and then turning and learning to trust Christ.

Sermon Questions

1. "And behold" in verse 25 connects this passage with the one before it. (Yes/No)
2. Have you ever asked the question, "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Yes/No)
3. When Jesus says the man answered him correctly, he affirms: (circle the best answer)
 - i. that some can get into heaven by their good works.
 - ii. that true saving faith is a faith that produces a love for God and neighbor.
 - iii. that this man's answer is way off.
4. In James 2, James speaks about a living faith that loves God and neighbor. Any other kind of faith is a _____ faith that cannot save.
5. The lawyer seeks to _____ himself (prove himself good and righteous) by narrowly defining his neighbor (i.e., make his neighbor those whom he already loves).
6. Jesus does at least three things with the parable of the good Samaritan:
 - i. It _____ those listening.
 - ii. It answers the question, "Who is my neighbor?"
 - iii. It presses the lawyer to _____ the truth.
7. Five fallacies are mentioned where we can not apply Scripture, list them:
 - i. _____ Fallacy (my situation is unique).
 - ii. _____ Fallacy (it didn't work for me).
 - iii. _____ Fallacy (impossible to obey).
 - iv. _____ Fallacy (soon).
 - v. _____ Fallacy (pitting commands against one another).
8. A childlike faith would ask, "How do I love my neighbor?" (Yes/No)
9. The self-justifying person _____ love his neighbor as himself.
10. Christ is our example and his death and resurrection causes us to love God and neighbor. (Yes/No)

Discussion/Meditation Questions

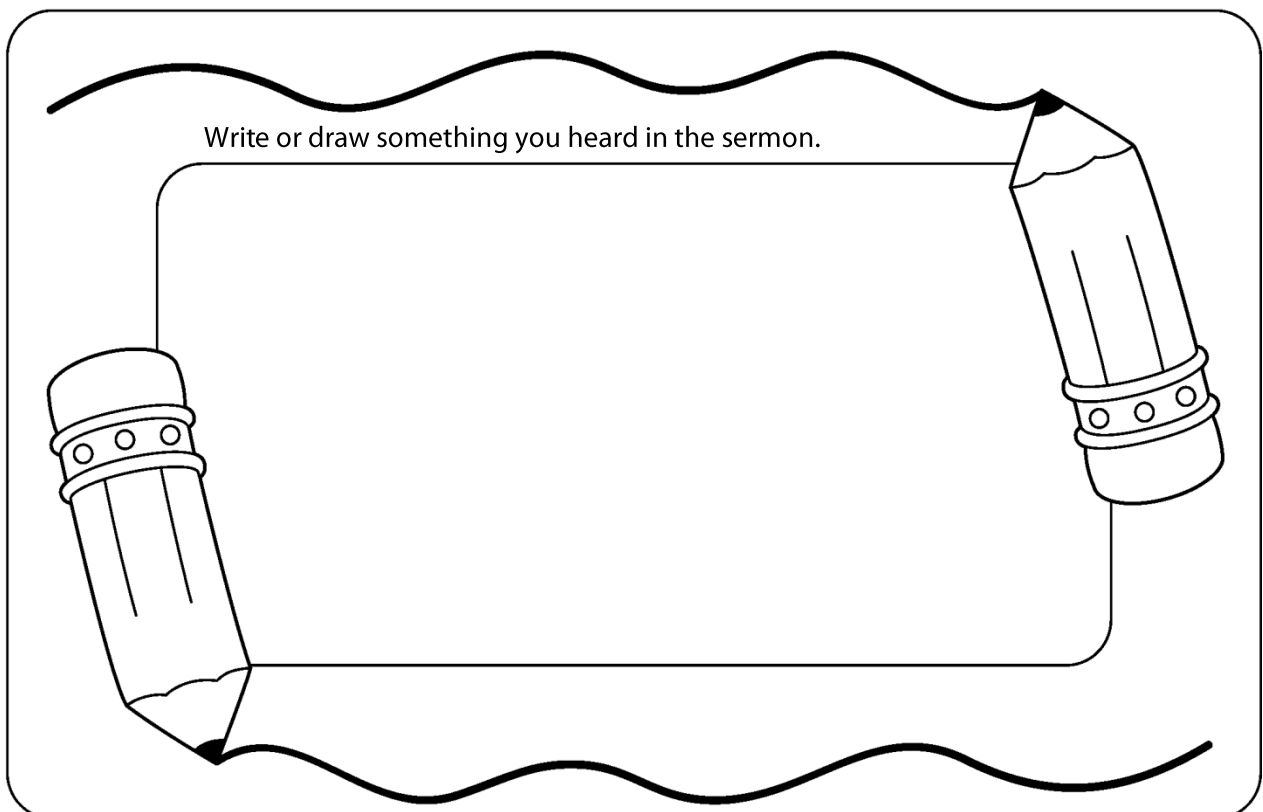
1. There are a number of ways in which we can excuse ourselves from the weight of Scripture pressing down upon us. Do you find yourself committing one of the self-justifying fallacies above? Explain.
2. Is there a “neighbor” in your life? Is there a person in need where you have the resources to come alongside and help? What keeps you from this and what motivates you forward?
3. How would you describe saving faith? How would you describe the distinction between faith and works and their role in entering the kingdom of God?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.