

Field Guide and Leader Guide 10.19.25

Scripture Reference

Luke 10:25–37

Summary

Over the past few weeks, we've discovered that Jubilee isn't just an ancient economic policy or Old Testament command—it's the heartbeat of God Himself. It's His way of restoring what's broken, freeing the captive, and healing what's been lost or taken. Jubilee paints a picture of a world rooted in generosity instead of greed, restoration instead of ruin, fairness instead of exploitation. But while the idea stirs our hearts, living it out often exposes the obstacles buried within us.

Like Israel, who never actually practiced Jubilee, we tend to admire the concept more than embody it. We rationalize why it's not practical, why it's not "our problem," or why the cost feels too high. But each excuse reveals a deeper obstacle, one that Jesus continually calls us to confront. This week's message walks through six common barriers that prevent us from living out Jubilee in our everyday lives: indifference, spiritualization, costliness, immensity, judgment, and faith.

Questions and Follow-Up

1. **The priest and Levite in Luke 10 saw the broken man but walked past him. What does indifference look like in our own lives, and how can we develop eyes that see and hearts that respond?**
 - **Follow-Up 1:** Who in your life might God be asking you to "see" differently this week?
 - **Follow-Up 2:** How can your group or family act more intentionally toward someone in need?
2. **How do we avoid "spiritualizing" compassion, meeting only spiritual needs while ignoring the physical ones Jesus also cared deeply about?**
 - **Follow-Up 1:** Why do you think it's easier to pray for someone than to practically help them?

- **Follow-Up 2:** What would it look like to balance prayer with tangible action in your daily life?
3. **Which of the six obstacles—indifference, spiritualization, costliness, immensity, judgment, or faith—feels most real for you right now? What might God be asking you to do in response?**
- **Follow-Up 1:** How can trusting God more deeply help you overcome that specific obstacle?
 - **Follow-Up 2:** What step of faith could you take this week that embodies Jubilee in a practical way?

Scripture References

Luke 10:25–37 | James 2:15–16 | Matthew 25:31–46 | 1 John 3:17–18 | Galatians 6:2, 10 | 2 Corinthians 8:9 | Deuteronomy 8:17 | Luke 6:30, 34–38 | Matthew 6:31–33 | Proverbs 3:9–10

Conclusion

Jubilee isn't theory; it's theology in motion. It's the sound of heaven breaking into our lives, calling us to trust that God provides when we open our hands. Each obstacle, whether it's fear, pride, or self-preservation, tests what we really believe about God's goodness. Faith says, "Give, and it will be given to you." Pride says, "I can't afford to trust Him."

This week, our church is putting faith into practice through a tangible act of Jubilee, a \$100 gift meant to spark generosity, prayer, and impact. Pray as a family, "God, give me Your heart. Show me where to bring freedom and hope." Write down your story. Celebrate what God does. Then, as the shofar sounds, remember that Jubilee was never meant to stay in theory. It was meant to be lived.

