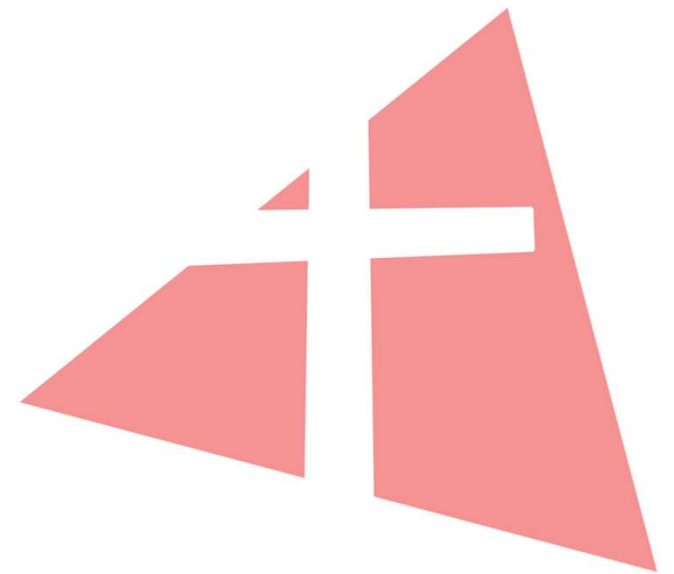


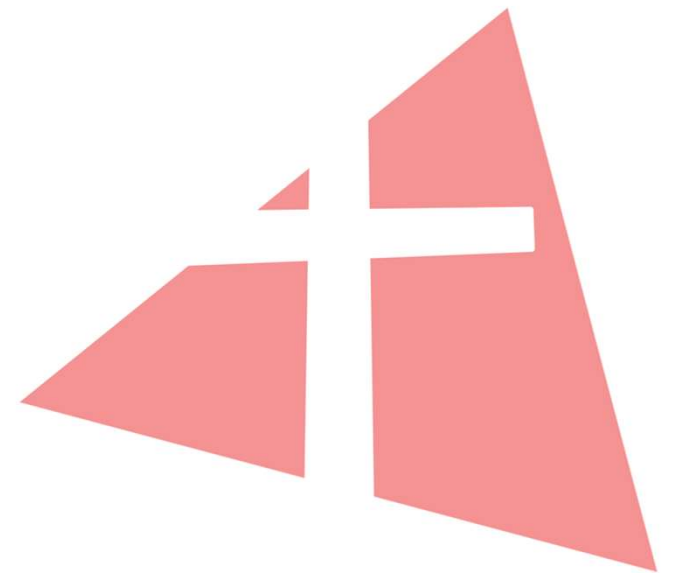
# Love for the Lost

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# Outreach

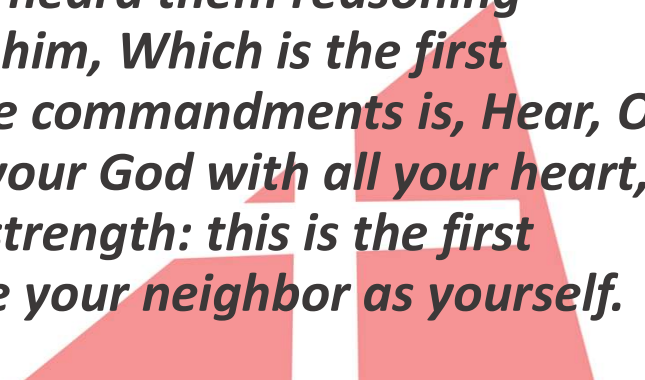
- **Aletheia is entering a new season**
- **Want to remind ourselves of a few basics of Evangelism**



# The Greatest Commandment

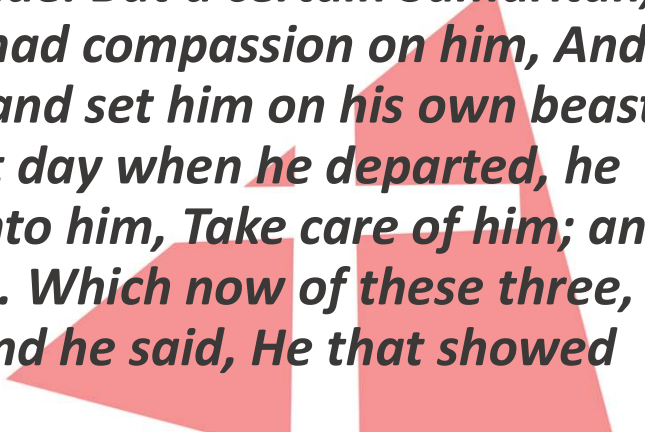
## ○ Love

*Mark 12:28-31 (KJ2000) And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.*



# The Good Samaritan

*Luke 10:30-37 (KJ2000) And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the next day when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the innkeeper, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever you spend more, when I come again, I will repay you. Which now of these three, think you, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do you likewise.*



# The Victim

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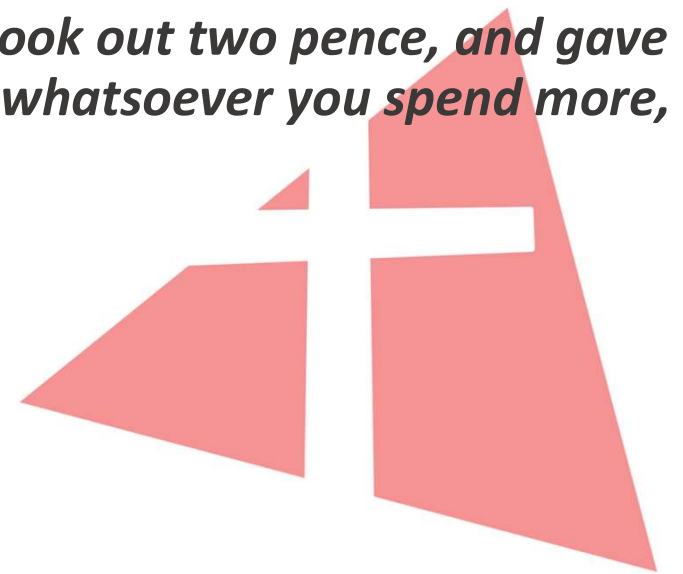
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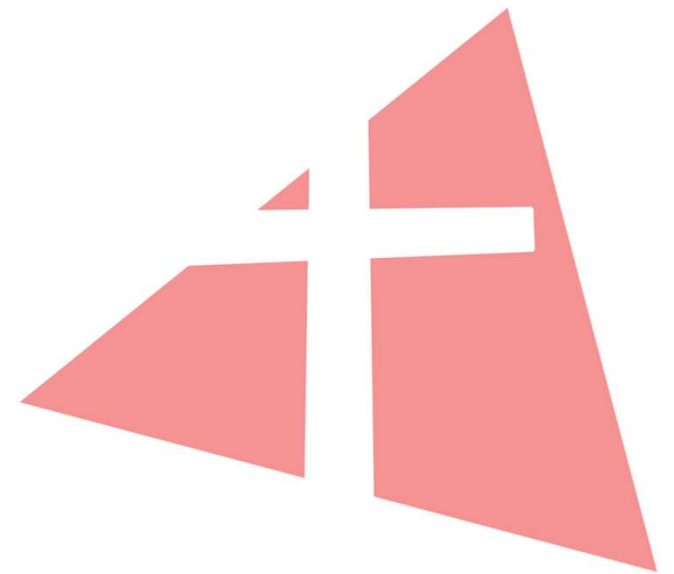
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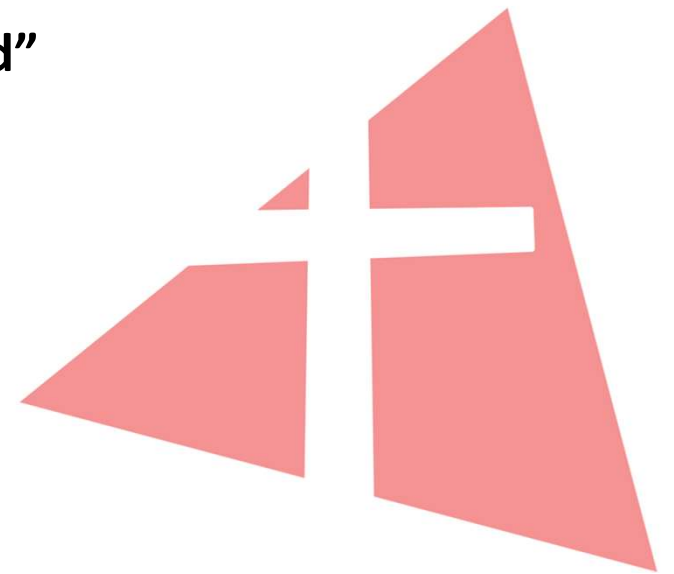
# Wrong Question

- **Not: Who is my neighbor?**
- **Instead: Be a neighbor to everyone!**



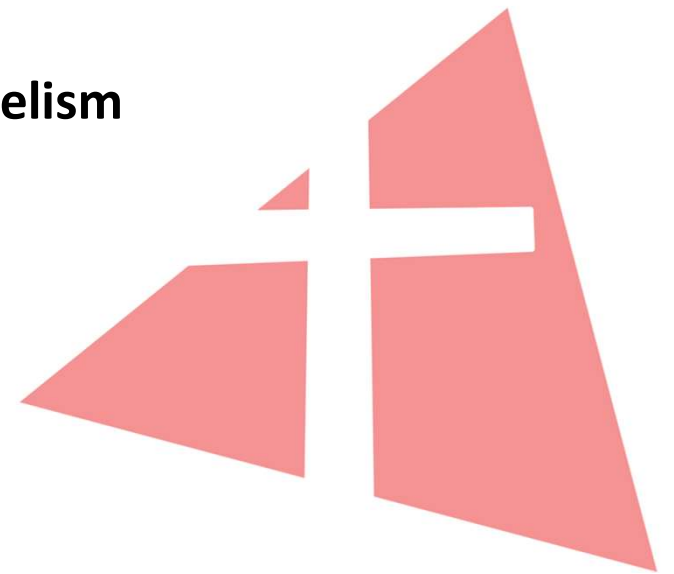
# Jesus' Point

- **This story is not mainly about “helping people in physical need”**
- **This story is about helping people who are spiritually dead**



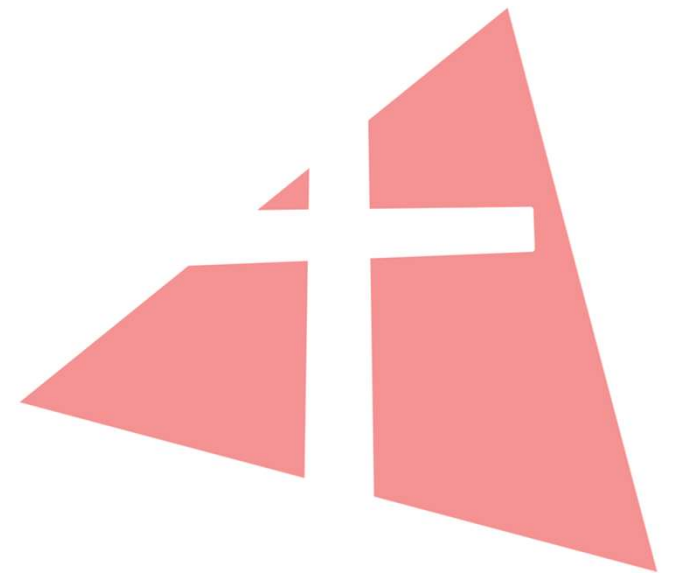
# My Experience

- I sometimes think too much of myself when it comes to evangelism



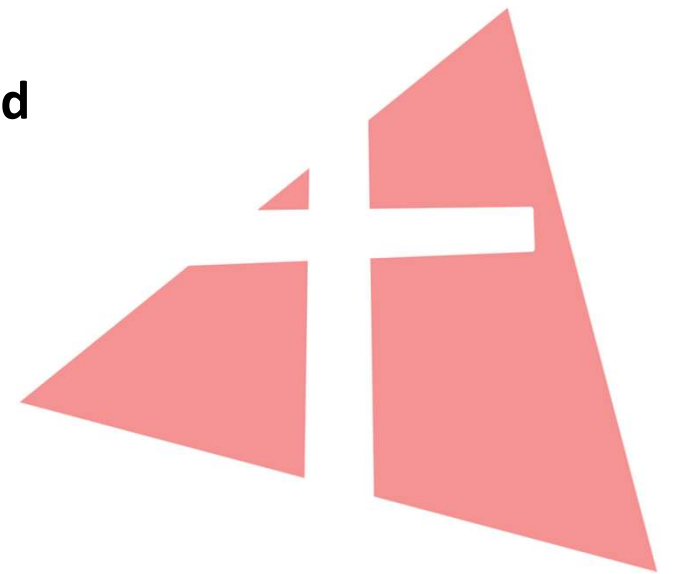
# God's Commandment

- **Be a neighbor to everyone!**



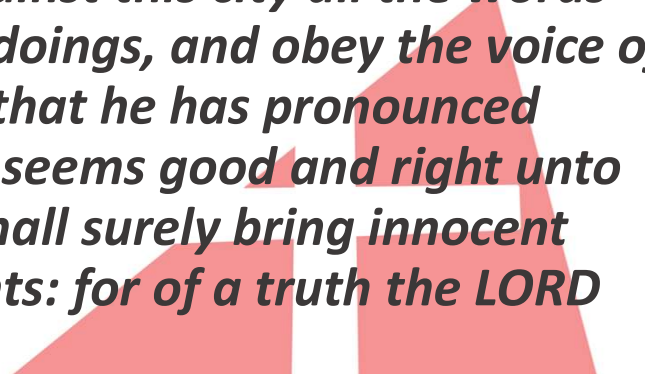
# My Resolution

- I don't want to be the reason someone doesn't hear about God



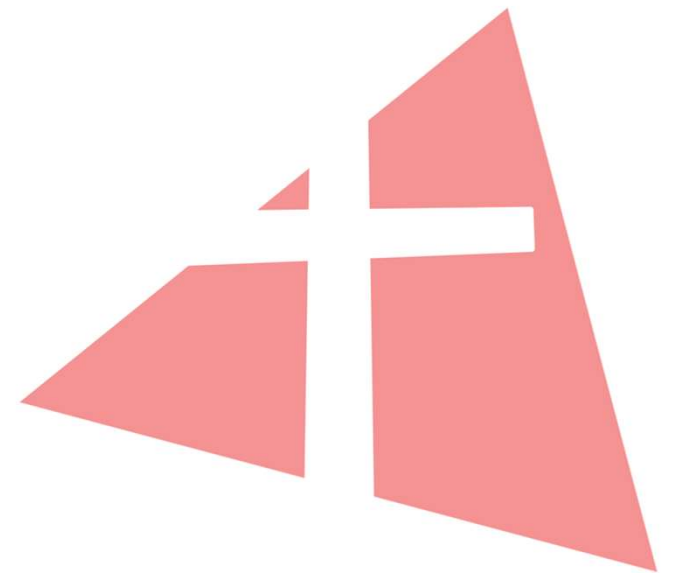
# Jeremiah

*Jeremiah 26:11-15 (KJ2000) Then spoke the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die; for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears. Then spoke Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will relent concerning the evil that he has pronounced against you. As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seems good and right unto you. But know you for certain, that if you put me to death, you shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon its inhabitants: for of a truth the LORD has sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.*



# This Season of Aletheia

- **Let's throw out the net**
  - Let's not pre-choose
  - Let's not hold back
  - Let's not think about ourselves



# In Conclusion

- We are God's representatives on this earth
- Let's not be like the Priest and Levite in the story
- Let's shine forth our love
  - At Aletheia
  - Throughout the rest of the week

*John 13:35 (KJ2000) By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.*

