

Go and Do the Same: The Theme for 2017

The theme for this stewardship year is the climactic line from the parable of the Good Samaritan: “Go and Do the Same.” (Luke 10:25-37). The implication is that God calls us to “go and do the same” as the Samaritan with all our resources—material, human, and natural.

The theme “Go and Do the Same” is an over-arching theme within which to consider the particular texts discussed in the following pages in this resource. The preacher might look at the later texts through the lens of how each one helps the congregation want to “Go and Do the Same” with stewardship in view.

The Samaritan as Example of Behavior for Stewardship

When I first heard the theme, “God and Do the Same,” it sounded like a simple command to follow the example of the behavior of the Samaritan. Jesus used the Samaritan as an illustration of what it means to be faithful to God’s purposes. So, at this level, the message of the parable is “Go and do the same kind of things for your neighbor—and your church—that the Good Samaritan did for the person robbed along the road.”

We at First Congregational United Christ Fairmont are challenging ourselves to “GO!” this 2017 year.