

## *Knock Offs*

- What is a “knock off”?
  - Something intended to look like something it is not
  - Especially clothing and jewelry
- What is a “genuine article”?
  - Something that truly is what it claims to be
- Examples?
- What is genuine Christianity?
  - Ask God to diagnose our hearts,  
affirming and confronting as He needs to

## **Christianity: The Genuine Article**

**Luke 10:25-42**

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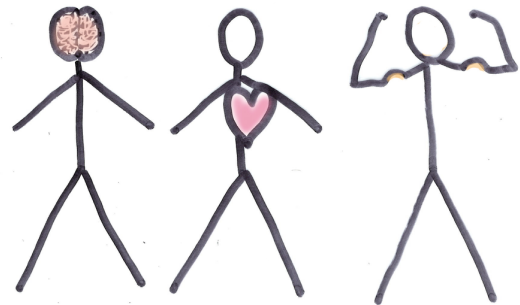
### **The 4 Gospels:**

**Matthew:** Jesus is the true fulfillment  
of Judaism

**Mark:** Present the Good News of  
Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

**Luke:** Know the certainty of Jesus’ life, teaching, miracles, and  
resurrection

**John:** Believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God



## Crossway Membership Series

- **Who we are** as a church
  - Core values
  - Central theology
- **How we live together** as a church
  - Vision and purpose
  - Key practices

*Looking at the defining quality of God's people...*

### *Rich relationship with God in Christ*

- Imagine someone with a rich relationship with God in Christ
  - What was that person like?
  - Rich or poor? Young or old? Ethnicity? Male or female? Extravert or introvert? Verbal or reflective? ...
- There are people we expect to have a deep and rich knowledge of God, **yet they do not**
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At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.” *Luke 10:21-24*

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- If you know God ...
  - Thank God from the bottom of your heart!
  - “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!”
- Be aware of your bias, and be watching for God’s work among unexpected people

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*Ezra 2:70*

Priests

Levites

Musicians

Gatekeepers

Temple servants

The rest of Israel

Non-Israelites

Samaritans

Foil = a contrasting person or thing that emphasizes and enhances the qualities of another

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- 38-42: Loving Jesus by attending (includes listening) to Jesus
- Foil: woman as attentive student of Jesus



### *The Big Idea*

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to love God with all that we are

**LEARNING FROM GOD**

**FELLOWSHIPING WITH GOD**

**OBEYING GOD / LOVING PEOPLE**

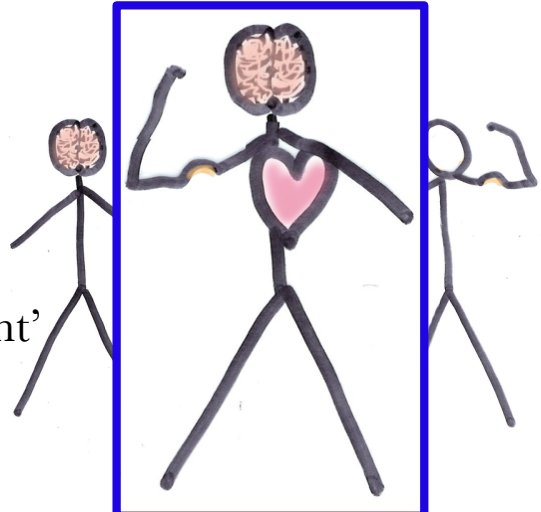
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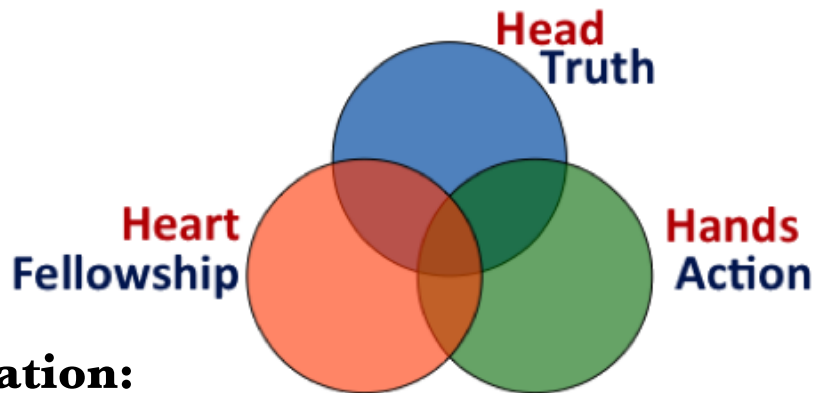
**COMPASSIONATELY MEETING NEEDS OF**

**PEOPLE WHOSE NEEDS GOD HELPS ME SEE**

### **Application: Love**

- Love God with your whole being
  - God is God of our whole lives, or He isn't the one God
  - Head / Heart / Hands
  - Time / Treasure / Talents
  - Work / Family / Play
  - Other...
  - Faith is more than 'mental assent'
  - Itchy rash and medicine
    - "Wash all of me!"





**Expectation:**

- We each have a favorite dimension (maybe 2)
- We each have a weak dimension (maybe 2)

**Suggestion:**

- Build from a favorite dimension into a weak dimension

**Ideal:** all parts working together as one

**Application: Love**

- Love God with your whole being
- Love your neighbor by compassionately meeting needs
  - Using my whole being
    - Meeting needs without compassion is not love
  - For the sake of their whole being
    - People's needs are often in multiple dimensions
  - Without discrimination and social biases
    - Ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender, personality, ...
  - Recognizing my limitations



## Application: Love

- Love God with your whole being
- Love your neighbor by compassionately meeting needs
- By the grace of God
  - Only Jesus did this perfectly
  - Admit our sickness: I'd rather love myself than to love God and other people!
  - Seek God's grace of forgiveness and transformation

## WHOLENESS OF OUR HUMANITY GIVEN TO GOD

We believe that **the Gospel addresses the whole person**, including **head** (that is, knowledge and ever deepening theology), **heart** (that is, rich fellowship with God and people), and **hands** (that is, love for God and people put into action). *Luke 10:27-28; Mark 12:28-34*

- We walk in the tension of perfect justice and rich mercy.
- We seek to live for the good of people beyond ourselves.
- We work to build relationships and interactions beyond Sunday morning.

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**LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES**

**ANYTHING ELSE IS A DYING (OR DEAD) LIFE**

**SOAK YOURSELF IN THE LIVING WATER OF GOD!**