

PARABLES

JESUS THE STORYTELLER

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Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Part 10 | **The Good Samaritan**

Luke 10:25-37

What is the definition of a Good Samaritan?

Is the term "Good Samaritan" used differently today?

The reaction of the Priest & the Levite versus the reaction of the Good Samaritan

Why did the Samaritan show extreme compassion and mercy?

Religion can be a roadblock to true Christianity.

What motivates you to show mercy even to your perceived enemies?

How does the statement "You go, and do likewise." apply to you?



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Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

We know that one of the two great commandments is that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. What makes a neighbor? geographical proximity? race? religion? sharing the same social or economic status?

Do you feel guilty when you see pictures of starving people on TV or in magazines? Should you? Explain.

Think of a time when you hesitated to respond to someone in need. What kept you from responding?

In this study a religious leader asks Jesus to tell him what it means to love one's neighbor. With his response Jesus overturns our traditional definitions and shatters our stereotypes. **Read Luke 10:25–37.**

1. Put yourself in the place of the "expert in the law" who is questioning Jesus in this story. How might you feel in response to your first two encounters with Jesus?
2. What kind of answer do you think the lawyer was expecting from Jesus when he asked, "Who is my neighbor?"
3. If you were this lawyer, what thoughts and feelings might you have to the story Jesus tells in response to your question "Who is my neighbor?"
4. The situation described in verse 30 was common on the dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho. In what situations today is noninvolvement seen as a wise choice?

5. Why do you suppose Jesus picked a Samaritan, someone from an ethnic group Jews detested, as the "hero" of the story (v. 31–33)?

6. Describe the Samaritan's actions from the point of view of (a) personal inconvenience, (b) financial cost, and (c) risk (v. 34–35).

How do one or more of these factors discourage your own neighborly actions?

7. Christ's question (v. 36) was not intended to prove that Samaritans could be better neighbors than Jews. What was he getting at?

8. "Go and do likewise" (v. 37)—what exactly was Jesus telling the lawyer to do?

9. Think of a time you experienced love from someone which was expressed in a practical way. What was it like to be loved in this way?

10. In what practical ways can we "go and do likewise" today?

Thank God for his all-inclusive love for each of us.

Now or Later

In a time of quiet reflection, ask God to show you someone in your life he is calling you to love in a deeper way. Write your thoughts and feelings in response to what you sense God is saying to you.

This week's Food for Thought is taken from John White, *Parables: The Greatest Stories Ever Told: 12 Studies for Individuals or Groups, A LifeGuide Bible Study* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Connect: An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 1999), 16-18.



Life Groups Return In the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you should get in a Life Group! — *Most groups take a break for the summer, so if you're interested, look for sign-ups in August or let us know on the digital Connect Card at wawasee.today or stop by the Connect Desk. Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups throughout the summer.*

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Luke 10:30-37 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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