

Message-based Study

Connection

When in your life can you remember someone acting as a good Samaritan towards you, and how did they help you?

Content - Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

The theme of God's provision through people continues in the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable, God's provision for a crime victim comes through the compassion of a foreign traveler, who evidently has enough wealth to pay for a stranger's medical care. This may be the best-known of all Jesus' parables, though it is recorded only in the Gospel of Luke.

1. Luke 10:25 sets the context for the parable as an expert of the law wanted to test Jesus and asked, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?". Seeing the man's desire to test Jesus, Jesus flipped the question on him, asking what is written in the Law. In Luke 10:27, the expert replied,

"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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself'".

What can you learn from Jesus' response to the expert's question here?

2. Luke 10:28, Jesus confirms the expert has answered his own question correction as He says, "You have answered correctly,"..."Do this and you will live."

Jesus is getting to the heart of the expert's question, challenging him as He says, "do this and you will live." Why do you believe Jesus said this to the expert?

3. The expert is still not satisfied with testing Jesus, so he pushes further. In Luke 10:29 it says, "But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Can you relate to the "expert"? Have you had a time in your life where you put Jesus to the test? How were you humbled in this moment?

4. Read Luke 10:30-37. Here Jesus shares the parable of the Good Samaritan.

In this parable the priest and the Levite, both of whom were familiar with God's law, ignore a man in need, failing to show love to a neighbor. Why is this detail relevant to the parable and perhaps to your own walk with Christ?

5. Read Luke 10:33-35. Now the story shifts to a Samaritan and the actions he takes to save the man's life.

How can we learn from the Samaritan and the actions he was willing to take for a complete stranger?

Commitment

6. Jesus concludes the parable with Luke 10:36-37 as He challenges the expert in the law with the question "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

Being the neighbor to others should be our focus. And Jesus wants us to view all people as our neighbors. Who do you find it easy consider as a neighbor? Who is it difficult to view this way?

This week, be the kind of neighbor who helps the people who God puts in your path. In closing, pray for the opportunity to serve those who are in need this week.



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

This week, **eat / engage with another** person in your life who needs to hear and feel Jesus' love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S. them.

Would you like to give any updates to the group on someone you have shared about in the past?