

WEEK 4 | LUKE 10:25-37 | THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Please read Luke 10:25-37 and answer the following questions.

What was the opening question that the expert in the law asked Jesus? (v 25)

Jesus very rarely gave direct answers to such questions. How did He respond in this case? (v 26)

What was the answer given by the expert in the law? (v 27)

In **Matthew 22:36-40**, how did Jesus refer to these two commandments?

What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments?”

Back in Luke 10, what was the follow-up question asked by the expert in the law that prompted Jesus to tell the parable of The Good Samaritan? (v 29)

The story told by Jesus is the story of a man who got mugged and left for dead as he traveled from Jerusalem to Jericho. Who were the first two men to discover the man who’d been robbed and what did they do? (v 31-32)

The third passerby was a Samaritan. Because the Israelite inhabitants of Samaria had intermarried with foreigners and adopted idolatrous religions, they were generally considered by the Jews to be half-breeds. What does **John 4:9** say about relationships between Jews and Samaritans?

Why do you think Jesus made a Samaritan the “hero” of this story at the expense of the religious elite?

Considering the story itself and the context in which it was told, what would you say is the overall meaning or central theme of this parable?

Please read and summarize the following passages that reveal God's heart on this matter.

Matthew 25:40

Luke 6:35

Romans 12:20

James 2:14-17

I John 3:18

I John 4:20

Weekly Challenge

The biggest part of being a Christ-follower is learning to love God with all you've got and love your neighbor as yourself. We've seen in this parable and other related scriptures that love must be demonstrated by our actions, not just declared in our words. What will you do this week to show someone that you love them? Be prepared to talk about this experience with your group this week.

Group Discussion

Who is it that does (or has done) a great job of showing love to you?

What's the problem with saying we love someone but not really demonstrating that with actions?

If you took on the weekly challenge to SHOW love to someone, please describe that experience. Who did you choose? How did you show love? What was that experience like you for? What do you think the experience meant to them?

If you didn't do that this week, who do you think God is leading you to show more love to?

What groups of people do you think we as a church need to do a better job of showing love to?

What do you think it would look like to love others (people of other beliefs, lifestyles, etc.) unconditionally without condoning their lifestyle?

Was there anything else you wanted to talk about from this week's reading or teaching time?