



Discussion Guide



Sermon Title: "Who Is My Neighbor?"

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Table of verses referenced today: Luke 10:29, 37

OPENING DISCUSSION

The lawyer asks Jesus a second question, "Who is my neighbor?" What is his motive for asking the question?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What did the lawyer assume about how a person receives eternal life?***
- 2. Why do you think the Jewish priest and Levite did not help the wounded Jewish man?***
- 3. What is Jesus' point in having the Samaritan exemplify brotherly love toward one's neighbor? And why did he stop to help?***
- 4. Why might we have expected the priest or the Levite to help?***
- 5. Why is it significant that it was a Samaritan who helped the Jewish man? What characteristics of a good neighbor did the Samaritan have? How does this story help us understand who our neighbor is? How can we become better neighbors?***
- 6. Who is your neighbor? Do you think Jesus meant only the people who live close to you?***
- 7. How can we follow Jesus' teachings and show love for other people? How should we treat someone who needs our help? Someone who is different from us? Someone who might have been unkind to us?***
- 8. When you show love for others by helping and serving them, how do you feel? Does it make you feel closer to our Heavenly Father and Jesus? What great blessing will we inherit if we truly love our Heavenly Father and our neighbors?***
- 9. What can loving your neighbor cost you? Why are so many Christians not willing to pay this price?***
- 10. How would you apply these two stories to your own life?***

Luke 10:29, 37

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant[d] walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. 33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,[e] telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”