

## **The Priority of Love**

### **Luke 10: 25-37**

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Put yourself in this scene. Read verses 25-28.

What was Jesus' aim in answering the man's question the way He did?

What do you think these different aspects of loving God (heart, soul, strength, mind) refer to, and why do they matter?

If Jesus had told you that the way to inherit eternal life is by loving God and loving others, how would you have responded? What questions would you have asked?

Put yourself in this story. Read verses 29-37

God calls us to display the beauty of His compassion toward us by showing compassion to others who are in need. What does it say about us as Christians if we fail to be compassionate? How does our ministry of mercy back up what we say we believe about God's mercy to us?

What is the difference between doing acts of compassion and being a compassionate person?

What natural inclinations make it easier for you to act like the priest and the Levite than like the Samaritan?

Did Jesus ever directly answer his question, “Who is my neighbor?” How would you summarize Jesus’ response to this question?

How does this parable challenge you in the way you relate to people who are different from you?