

“The Generous Samaritan”

Luke 10:25-37

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.”

A Lawyer and a Question (Luke 10:25-29)

A Story on Mercy (Luke 10:29-37)

Life Lessons from the Generous Samaritan

- 1. Only those shown mercy can truly show mercy.**
- 2. Those shown mercy will show mercy.**
- 3. Authentic love for my neighbor involves my time.**
- 4. Authentic love for my neighbor involves my finances.**
- 5. Authentic love for my neighbor involves my heart.**

Life Group or Family Discussion Questions:

1. What are your plans for Easter?
2. According to Luke 10:25-27, what are the two main qualities God is looking for in our life? How does Jesus amplify each of these?
3. The actions of the priest and the Levite remind us that it is easy to go through religious motions without letting the radical generosity of God's love for us translate into radical generosity from our lives to others. In what ways did this story challenge you to love the hard-to-love people in your life in more radical ways?
4. When Jesus told this story, why did he make the Samaritan the hero? What does this teach us about the people God calls us to go out of our way to love?
5. What are the practical steps to generous love we talked about at the end of the message? Can you memorize them?
6. **Read Leviticus 19:34.** While the expert in the law knew he was to love his neighbor, who do these verses tell us is our neighbor? How should we treat migrant workers? How should we treat immigrants? In our current political climate, does this impact the limits we place on our borders?
7. **Read James 4:17.** When we pass by an opportunity to meet the needs of others, how does God view our lack of action?
8. **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** What did Jesus say was the important difference between the sheep and goats? How important is it to go out of our way to love people that are not our natural friends? Who are the people you can go out of your way to love?

Those bought by sacrifice sacrifice much.

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Sundays

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CW Classes Hour
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