

Parables Week 3
The Good Samaritan
3-8-26
Luke 10:25-37

A Life of Love and Surrender

I. The Lawyer and Jesus (Luke 10:25-29)

II. The Temptation to Justify Ourselves (Luke 10:29)

- A. Yeah But.... WHO is my neighbor?
- B. Justify

III. The Parable (Luke 10:30-35)

IV. The Contrast:

- A. The Lawyer wanted to define the limits of his responsibility
- B. The Samaritan wanted to show love and honor even to a stranger

V. Jesus' Summary (Luke 10:36-37)

- A. Who proved to be the neighbor?
- B. Go and do the same
- C. So who is our neighbor?
- D. Not a story about being nice:
 - 1. It's a story to call us to LOVE like Jesus
 - 2. It's a story to call us to DIE like Jesus (Luke 6:27-36)
 - 3. You aren't here by chance - you are where you are in this time, with purpose!

LIFEGroup Questions:

1. Think about a time in your life when you were hurting, struggling, or in a difficult situation and someone unexpectedly stepped in to help you. Who was that person, what did they do, and how did their compassion impact you?
2. In the parable, the priest and Levite likely had reasons for not stopping. Many of us have had moments when helping someone would have cost us time, comfort, or convenience. Can you share about a time when you felt prompted to help someone but struggled with whether or not to step in? What did you end up doing, and why?
3. The Samaritan was someone Jewish listeners would have least expected to be the hero. Have you ever had someone show you kindness or compassion from a group or person you didn't expect it from? What was that experience like?
4. We so often can easily justify our actions and thoughts. Sometimes we can love but really lay our lives down, and sometimes we can lay our lives down without really loving. How would following Jesus' model of loving AND laying down our life impact how we interact with the world and especially the "Samaritans" in our life that we have a hard time with?
5. Jesus ends the story with a challenge: "Go and do the same." In your everyday life right now might be the "person on the side of the road" — someone who needs compassion, encouragement, or help? What might it look like for you to be a neighbor to them this week?