

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“Do you see me now?” Luke 10:25-37 August 25, 2018

### Getting Started

Seeking to define who is actually one's neighbor reveals the underlying issue that we all face, which is to define the limits and the lines of how we love others. In Jesus, he crossed the line to realign how we see and serve all people.

Who was the best neighbor you've known, and why? What was it about them that made you appreciate them as your neighbor?

### Going Deeper

I. A **Provocative Observation**: *And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the **test**, saying, (Vs. 25)*

a. **Reveals Motive**: *“Teacher, what shall I **do** to **inherit** eternal life? (Vs. 25)*

- **Personal Pronoun**: “I”
- **Personal Performance**: “Do”
- **Personal Possession**: “inherit”

b. **Reveals Mindfulness**: *“He said to him”, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” (Vs. 26)*

**Special Note**: Lawyer combines: Deut. 6:4-5 & Leviticus 19:18

c. **Reveals Misunderstanding**: *“You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” (Vs. 28-Present Active Imperative)*

What Jesus pointed out to the religious expert was that it was possible to earn eternal life, but only if you live God's law perfectly, every moment of every day in every situation among all people. This should have caused the man to beg for mercy, but instead, he kept on talking as if he was already good with that requirement. Why do you think so many people have this same mindset that they are 'good enough' to go to Heaven?

**II. A Parable of Clarification:** *But he, desiring to **justify** himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor? (Vs. 29)*

**a. Priest Saw:** Inconvenienced- *“passed by on the other side” (Vs. 31)*

**b. Levite Stopped:** Ill-prepared- *“passed by on the other side” (Vs. 32)*

**c. Samaritan Served:** Invested- *“came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had **compassion** (the emotional response of pity deep from within one’s soul leading to a course of action)” (Vs. 33)*

**Special Note:** The purpose of this parable is to teach that salvation comes only through the rejected one — Jesus

- **Went to Him:** Came to Him (33)
- **Bandaged Him:** Cared for Him (34)
- **Poured on Him:** Cured Him (34)
  
- **Brought Him:** Carried Him (34)
- **Stayed with Him:** Companionship to Him (34)
- **Paid for Him:** Covered Him (35)

Pause for a moment and take the 30,000 foot view of this parable. Who do you know that came to a place where he was despised like the Samaritan was despised? Who do you know who came upon people who were mugged and destitute, to the point of death? Who do you know who saw those people, felt compassion on them, went to them, bandaged them, picked them up and carried their burdens, brought them to the place where healing could be found, paid the price for their healing and promised to come back again? Who is the Good Samaritan? It's Jesus!!! He is telling a parable about Himself ☺ He is prophetically telling the crowd who He is, why He has come, and what He is going to do for all who have been mugged by the thief, known as Satan. How does this make you feel to know that Jesus has come to do all this for you?

**III.A Pursuit of Dedication:** *He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."* (Vs. 37)

- a. **Recognizing God's Love: God Saw You**
- b. **Receiving God's Love: God Came to you**
- c. **Redirect God's Love: God Lives through you.**

As people who have been shown mercy, we must let our living Savior, Jesus Christ, live through us so He can continue to show mercy to the mugged people around us. What would it look like if you surrendered your will to Jesus and let Him live through you? How would the world look different if you had His eyes for people, His heart for people, His love for people?

**Take Away:** Do what you can, with what you have, where you are at!

**Prayer Requests**