



September 7-8
“The Good Samaritan”
Luke 10:25-37

*Home Group discussion questions are written
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Connect: A few people in the group talk about one practical expression of God’s sacrificial love by a fellow believer that was meaningful to you over your lifetime. Describe what happened and why the act of love was important to you.

1. Read Luke 10:25-29, the prelude

- An expert in Jewish law asks Jesus what he must do to “inherit eternal life.” But if he is an expert on the law, (and would therefore know Dt. 6:5 and Lv. 19:18) why would he be asking Jesus this question?
- What is the essence of the lawyer’s answer to Jesus’ question about what is “written in the law”?
- Why does Jesus commend this answer? Is this a works-based answer? Why or why not?
- What is behind the lawyer’s question, “Who is my neighbor?” Is the lawyer’s implication that some people are “non-neighbors”? Why would that distinction be important to him?
- Is “who is my neighbor” a legitimate question for believers today? Or should the question be “how do I learn to be a good neighbor”? Or a combination of both questions?
- The lawyer comes off as insincere in this story, but do any of you relate to him? In what way?

2. Read Luke 10:30-35, the parable.

- Imagine that you are a first century Jew. Who would you normally think would be the “good guy” in the parable and who would be the “bad guy”? Why do you think Jesus reverses these roles in the parable?
- How and why do believers “pass by on the other side,” when we see someone’s need?
- Look at the following statements and decide which of them best encapsulate the teaching of this parable.
 - + “Meet every need you observe.”
 - + “Love God and respond to him at every level.”
 - + “Responding with love is an outgrowth of what God provides when people turn to him in love.”

3. **Read Luke 10:36-37, the postlude**

- What do you think is Jesus' message to this lawyer, to believers through all generations?
- Why doesn't Jesus point more directly to himself in his answer to the lawyer's question?

4. **Connect:** What do you take away from this discussion? How might you practically apply it? What is most challenging about this teaching

Home Group Leader Notes.

Do not hand out these notes to your group members.

- Remember that you can ask all of the questions or none! You may add questions of your own. The purpose is for the group to come to grips with the major teaching of the passage and how to apply it to their lives.
- Under Luke 25-29, one of the questions is: *Why does Jesus commend this answer? Is this a works-based answer? Why or why not?* My answer would be something like this: In confirming this call to love God and respond to others in light of that love, Jesus is confirming that a relationship with God enables a person to become a different kind of person. So, our love/faith relationship with God means that obedience to God's ethical commands will be in the process of being developed in our life.)