

The Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

Topics: Eternal Life, Kindness, Law, Love, Mercy, Neighbor, Testing

Open It

1. What are the greatest inconveniences in your life?
- * 2. When has someone gone out of his or her way to help you?
3. What do you think motivates most people to do good?

Explore It

4. What did the legal expert ask Jesus? (10:25)
5. Why did the legal expert ask a question about eternal life? (10:25)
6. How did Jesus turn the question back on the legal expert? (10:26)
7. How did the legal expert summarize the demands of the Law? (10:27)
8. What did the expert ask about loving one's neighbor? (10:29)
9. What did the legal expert want to do? (10:29)
10. How did Jesus reply to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (10:30-35)
- * 11. What did the priest and the Levite do to help the man who was robbed and beaten? (10:31-32)
- * 12. What was the Samaritan's response to what he saw? (10:33-35)
13. Why did the Samaritan help the beaten man? (10:33)
14. What relationship did Jesus use to characterize the Samaritan's behavior? (10:36)
- * 15. How did the legal expert define the neighbor in the parable? (10:37)
16. What did Jesus command the expert to do in response to the parable? (10:37)

Get It

17. What different motivations do people have for asking questions about God and of God?
18. How effective is this parable in communicating love for one's neighbor?
- * 19. What natural inclinations make it easier for you to act like the priest and the Levite than like the Samaritan?
- * 20. How practical was the Samaritan's approach to the man in need?
21. How does it feel when someone has mercy on you?
22. In what ways can we as individuals and as groups of Christians be more like the Samaritan?

Apply It

- * 23. What step can you take to help meet someone else's physical needs?
24. What people who have helped you in times of need do you want to thank this week?