

Discussion Questions – Parable of the Good Samaritan

Read Luke 10:25-37

1. Show no _____.

Who challenged Jesus?

What are the two great commandments?

How do we know Jesus loved God?

How do we know Jesus loved his neighbor as himself?

How does Jesus define "neighbor"?

Who is our neighbor?

Is the Good Samaritan another way of showing how Jesus loved?

What kind of story does Jesus tell the lawyer? (parable)

Look at the characters in the story: the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, the man who was beaten.

Who might these people be today? What if the injured person were someone from a different ethnic group than yours? Would you stop to help?

Why do you think the two Jews walked away from him?

Describe the Samaritan. Why was it so unusual for him to stop and tend to the man's wounds?

What if the injured man was from Israel? The United States?

And what if the Samaritan was a Palestinian? Iraqi?

Would you expect him to stop and help?

What did the lawyer learn from this parable?

What lessons did you learn from this parable?

How can we all express more compassion and care for one another?

Does loving your neighbor as yourself help explain how Jesus loved?

Why is it important for us to be willing to help others?

How does God see each of us?

How can we work to see each other the way God sees us?

2. Whoever loves God must also love _____.

3. Love fulfills _____.