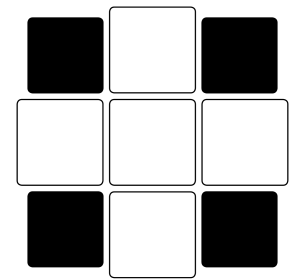


The Good Samaritan

Scripture: **Luke 10:25–37**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

In this passage, a lawyer puts Jesus to the test about inheriting eternal life. This question isn't very genuine, as he is trying to set a trap for Jesus. Jesus makes His authority clear by answering with a question. The lawyer knows the standard set by God in order to earn salvation—to perfectly love God and to love your neighbor. The lawyer ignorantly thought—like we tend to do—that he was righteous and didn't need a Savior. This leads Jesus to share a parable about a man who was robbed and left for dead. The holy men (who should be the ones expected to help) in the parable go out of their way not to help the man, but a Samaritan (the least likely hero from a Jewish perspective) has compassion and goes above and beyond to help this stranger. From this parable we see that it is impossible for us to inherit eternal life on our own, because we are sinners by nature and by choice. Although we were left for dead in our sins and were enemies of God, Jesus rescued us at the cost of His own life. He fulfills all the law in our place so that we are counted righteous as if we perfectly loved God with our everything and loved our neighbor. **Christ is the only true neighbor!**

Corroborating Texts

Leviticus 19:34; Deuteronomy 11:13; Psalm 24; Romans 3; Galatians 3:10

Discussion Questions

1. Why does the lawyer ask Jesus the question about inheriting eternal life? Why does Jesus respond the way that He does? Why did Jesus not just share the grace of the gospel? What do we learn from Jesus' interaction here? [to preach the whole gospel including sin and hell, don't ignore obstacles that people throw in when you are sharing Christ with them]
2. How was the lawyers answer in verse 27 both correct and incredibly arrogant?
3. Why does the lawyer try to justify himself in verse 29? How are we the same way?
4. Who is our neighbor? [everyone including our enemies]
5. Why did Jesus place the Samaritan as the hero of the story? What happens in your heart when the Samaritan is the hero? How does prejudice show up in this account?
6. What were the three uses of the law that Seth shared? [Mirror, Restraint, Shows Us What Is Pleasing To God (How it ought to be)] How can only focusing on the law being a mirror cause us to feel like failures all the time? [we also need to know that because of what Christ has done, we can respond out of gratitude in obedience to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit]
7. How are we like the lawyer? Do you lower the bar so that you can jump over it? Do you seek to justify yourself or humble yourself when faced with the truth of your own sin?