



Pt. 5: Hidden in Plain Sight; Parable of the Good Samaritan

Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan is a well-known, well-used, but often misunderstood piece of Scripture. Frequently, preachers and teachers, believers and unbelievers alike employ this parable to reinforce the importance of showing kindness to others, especially those we don’t know or those we might be naturally disinclined to assist. But this was not the intent of why Jesus tells the parable. There is a much greater reason. It has to do with the most important question every person should ask.

Bottom Line: Eternal life is possible only by God’s grace, apart from our goodness or morality.

Discussion Questions:

1. What characteristics make a next door neighbor good and bad?
2. Describe a time when someone has gone out of their way to help you.
3. In your opinion, what’s the most important question someone can ask about their eternity?
4. **Read Luke 10:25-26.** What does the lawyer ask Jesus? How does Jesus respond? Why do you think Jesus responded this way?
5. **Read Luke 10:27-29.** Why do you think the lawyer asked Jesus to explain who his neighbor was? Once you answer this question, **read Leviticus 19:34 & Matthew 5:43-44.** What does scripture tell us about loving your neighbor?
6. **Read Luke 10:30-33.** What natural inclinations make it easier for us to act like the priest or the Levite instead of the Samaritan?
7. What must we do in order to inherit eternal life? (*Hint - read Romans 10:9-10 & Acts 2:37-38*)
8. How can your group support you this week?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?

*If time doesn’t allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.
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