

FINDING TIME



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What makes a good neighbor by society standards? What do you feel your neighbors expect of you? What do you want from your neighbors? What does this passage suggest makes a good neighbor? (hint: verse 37 is key)
- The last time Samaritans were mentioned in Luke's Gospel they refused to welcome Jesus. This display of hospitality thus comes from an unlikely source. Who has been a surprising source of welcome and care for you in your life?
- Name a time in the last week in which you had the opportunity to care for someone in need. What did you do? What would you do if you were given this chance again? What would God want you to do?
- If you were going to write your own end to this story what do you think happens to the man who was robbed. How may have this event changed his life?

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37