

# The Good Samaritan

## **Read: Luke 10:25-29**

Luke 10:25 says the lawyer was trying to “test” or “tempt” Jesus. Why might he do such a thing?

How does Jesus answer the man’s question? What might be His answer with a question?

What was Jesus trying to get the man to understand (V28)? See *Romans 3:19-20*

What might be the reasons for the lawyer’s question in V29?

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ Matthew 5:43*

## **Read: Luke 10:30-37**

True or False. The priest and Levite just weren’t aware of the victim and his condition.

*{Support your answer from the text}*

The priest and the Levite both would have ministered in the temple in Jerusalem. If the victim had happened to be dead, they would be unclean by touching him, but only for that day (*Leviticus 21:1-3*). Jesus doesn’t indicate that being unclean would have affected their work in the temple. Then, what might have been their reasons for avoiding the victim?

Why did this Samaritan man stop for this Jewish stranger?

Hadn’t the Samaritan done enough when he got the man to the inn? Why the extra commitment to even repay the innkeeper?

True or false. The Samaritan expected to meet the victim again and be reimbursed for his efforts.

Compare the lawyer’s question in V29 and Jesus’ question in V36. How & why are they different?

## **Read: Matthew 5:43-48**

How far is this business of being a neighbor supposed to go?

How does insight into our relationship with God, described in *Romans 5:10*, help make that happen?

**For Us:**

Complete this Sentence: To be a neighbor means\_\_\_\_\_.

Evaluate the statement: “By nature, we’re more likely to extend ourselves to people of ‘our own kind.’”

Are there people in our congregation or community who get overlooked and left out?

What makes them “different”?

Do you think they’re overlooked because other Christians are selfish, or just not sensitive?

**For Me:**

Have you ever failed to reach out as a neighbor to some who’s “different”? When and why?

Read Romans 7:18-19, Romans 7:24-8:1.

When Paul recognized his failings, where did he look?

How is the same true for you?

What does God’s forgiveness in Christ mean to you?

**Read: Galatians 3:26-29**

How is your adoption as a child of God a factor in reaching out to another person?

By the Spirit’s power, look for someone who needs your help—someone to whom you would not ordinarily reach out. For Jesus’ sake, give the assistance you can.