

A Parable

Luke 10:25-37

LG Questions for 04/25/10

Getting Started

What are the greatest inconveniences in your life? (Ones involving expenditures of your time? Of money? Emotional issues? Family issues? Job issues?) In what ways do those things you've mentioned close your heart to others who are in need?

Getting Into the Bible

1) **Read Luke 10:25-28.** What do you think was the motivation of this 'Expert in the Law'? Did the expert in the law who questioned Jesus answer correctly? (See Deut. 6:5 & Lev. 19:18). Do you think Jesus' response was directed to this 'Expert' or those listening in on their conversation?

2) **Read Luke 10:29.** After Jesus' response what did the legal expert then want to do? What was the expert's motivation in asking who his neighbor was? Jesus' response gave us one of the most popular parables in all of scripture.

3) **Read Luke 10:30-37.** What do you think was the motivation in the heart of the priest and the Levite? How was their heart different than that of the Samaritan? What natural inclinations make it easier for you to act like the priest and the Levite? Why did Jesus choose a Samaritan as the hero of this story? (See **Luke 9:52-54**).

4) What was the Samaritan's response to the situation? Why did he help the beaten man? (10:33) What were some of the practical ways in which the Samaritan helped with this situation. What was the role of the innkeeper in this story? What does the partnership between the Samaritan and the innkeeper tell us about effective ministry?

Discussion and Prayer

Discuss how it feels when someone has mercy on you? In what ways can you personally or can we as Christians be more like the Samaritan? Honestly share what some of the hurdles to this are for you. Spend time as a group praying for God's grace to help us be more like the Good Samaritan.