

# Sermon Questions

June 2, 2024 | Scripture: Luke 10:25-34 (*The Good Samaritan*)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

## Core Questions

1. Identify the questions that the lawyer asks Jesus. How would you characterize his intent?
2. Identify the questions that Jesus asks. How would you characterize his intent?
3. The priest and the Levite in the story were religious insiders, like Jesus' audience. The Samaritan was the despised, perhaps feared, outsider. What effect might it have had on his audience that he chose this person to be the model of love and godliness in this passage?
4. Verses 25 and 34 bookend the passage. What would be lost if Jesus simply gave the direct answer and skipped out verses 26-33?

## Inward Grace in Action

5. How do you deal with the limits of your love to God and neighbor, and your inability to obey Christ?

## Outward Grace in Action

6. Read the quotation below. How could you use this parable to speak to a friend (who doesn't follow Christ) about the way Jesus has come to us, and how he now relates to us?

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

*Reflect on these*

Scriptures:

- Leviticus 19:18
- Deuteronomy 6
- 2 Chronicles 28:8-15
- Mark 12:28-34
- Acts 9:10-19
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*Serve:* Consider whose life you have assumed you know, and how you might ask them questions this week.

*Pray:* Ask the Lord Jesus to search you with his questions throughout this series.

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I am anxious to point out that there is a neighbor at both ends of the communication of love: in the commandment (v. 27), the neighbor is the recipient, the object of compassion; in the parable (v. 36), the neighbor is the origin, the subject of compassion. This observation is not contradictory: it reminds us, on the one hand, that Christian ethics is relational and that when I take care of other people **I tie myself to them just as they do to me**. It also reminds us, on the other hand, that one's neighbor cannot be objectified in the figure of a certain needy person. The New Testament commentary on the Hebrew Bible commandment **encourages us not to "have" neighbors, but to "make ourselves close" to others**, in particular those who are unfortunate.

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