

# Wednesday Night Home Fellowship Guide

July 26, 2023

## Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “**What is written in the Law? How do you read it?**” <sup>27</sup> And 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.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “**You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.**”

<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “**A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “**You go, and do likewise.**”**

## Overview

The Good Samaritan is the parable Jesus told when encountering the Lawyer in Luke 10:25-37. In this parable, Jesus lays out who one’s neighbor is and how a neighbor is to be treated. Previously, the Lawyer raised a question to Jesus with the intent of challenging Jesus’ teaching. Through the parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus responds to the Lawyer ending with a charge to authentically love others.

**How does one inherit eternal life? What ways does the world try to find the same hope?**

**What ways do believers begin to justify unloving actions to God?**

**How can we as a church show authentic love to those that are different from us? How can we show love to those that we find hard to genuinely love?**

**Are there ways in which we love people half-heartedly, unlike the Samaritan, who strove to love the beaten man in every aspect he could?**

**Are you avoiding certain people so that you don't feel the obligation to authentically love them?**

**What are some practical ways believers can prove to be another's neighbor?**