



INTRODUCING JESUS: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 10:25-42

Community Group Study Guide Week of August 16, 2020

The lawyer approaches Jesus and asks "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus responds with a question: what does the law say? The lawyer knew: love God and people. Jesus says: you know, now do it. The lawyer, thinking he's already done it, asks: who's my neighbor? The reason he asked, is because he interpreted neighbor literally: my literal next door neighbor. Then Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan. Jews and Samaritans hated each other. They had tensions for generations. Jesus looks in the lawyer's heart and sees the group of people he hated most, and made that person the hero of the story. How did that make the lawyer feel? Terrible, of course. But Jesus did for this man, what the Good Samaritan did for half-dead man in the story, he showed him compassion by addressing his most important need: deflation of self-righteousness. It's what we all need. We all need to see ourselves as the half-dead man in dire need of the Only Good Samaritan.

DISCUSSION GOALS

Head

To understand the immensity of our sense of self-righteousness

Heart

To understand our dire need for the Good Samaritan, Jesus Christ, to extend compassion to us.

Hands

To daily ask for grace and mercy from the Good Samaritan and extend Christlike compassion to others as a response to receiving it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-Person Worship Services
THIS Sunday, August 23 at
9:30AM and 11:30AM.**

**Our 9:30AM service will be
streamed on Facebook and
Youtube**

**Please review our social
distancing policies:** [https://
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covid-19](https://brookline.mosaicboston.com/covid-19)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 10:25-42

1. What do the questions asked by the lawyer and Martha reveal? What questions do you find yourself asking, and what might they reveal about your heart?
2. Who or what do the priest and Levite in the story represent?
3. Who fits in the Lord's definition of the good neighbor? What would be the name/title of your good neighbor?
4. What is the relationship between the two commandments to love God and neighbor? Why does this relationships exist in this way?
5. How does Jesus chip away at the lawyer's sense of self-righteousness in this passage? How has he chipped away at your sense of self-righteousness?
6. Why did God give us the law? How does it act like a mirror?
7. To what extent did the Good Samaritan help the injured man? In what specific ways does this story inspire you to extend compassion to others? What is the driving motive to extend such compassion?
8. Why do you think Luke put the story of "Martha's activism vs. Mary sitting at Jesus' feet" right after the story of the Good Samaritan?
9. While obediently and actively helping others, how can you also sit at the Lord's feet listening to his words?