

A large crowd of people is seen from behind, looking towards a bright horizon. The text "the one" is overlaid in white, with "the" in a smaller font and "one" in a larger font.

# the one



## **Read:** Luke 10:25-37

*On one occasion an expert in the Law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

*"What is written in the Law?" He replied. "How do you read it?"*

*He answered, "'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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

*"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."*

*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'*

*"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"*

*The expert in the Law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."*

*Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

## **Application:**

1. What is your impression of the "expert in the Law" in verse 25? What might have motivated him to approach Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Jesus doesn't give much detail about the priest and Levite, but why do you think they passed by the injured man?

3. Why is the Samaritan an especially difficult person for the Jewish leaders to see following God?

4. What is different about the Samaritan?

### **Takeaway:**

1. Do you tend to be more like the expert in the Law or the Samaritan?

2. What is especially meaningful to you about the Samaritan's actions or the way he helped?

3. How does Jesus define a good neighbor in these verses?

4. Right now, whom has God placed in your life to help or to show compassion?

### **Pray:**

1. Pray to see ways that you can be an obedient neighbor.

2. Pray for the launch of the Valley Center Campus and its leadership.