



PARABLES:

Stories for Life

BIG QUESTION: What does the way you love your neighbor say about your love for God?

1. THE QUESTION (25-29)

The lawyer's second question reveals a **HEART** problem

2. THE PARABLE (30-35)

Luke's Gospel repeatedly shows us unlikely heroes to amplify God's grace

"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it,' When you have it with you." Proverbs 3:27-28

"Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people. Do not stand idly by when your neighbor's life is threatened. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:16

The Samaritan teaches us that being a "neighbor" is a condition of the **HEART**, not the **HEAD**



When is the last time you were a "neighbor" to someone?



3. THE PROBLEM (36-37)

A heart right with God will be right towards its neighbor, and a wrong heart towards a neighbor reflects a wrong heart towards God.

"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." James 2:18



**The word for "love" here is built from the root
"Agape"**



When your love for God is in proper alignment it shows up in your love for your **NEIGHBOR**. When your love for your neighbor is lacking it reflects a problem in your love for **GOD**.

Jesus moves the conversation from the HEAD to the HEART

The lawyer needed a **HEART** transplant

LOVE REQUIRES RISKS

**Apart from JESUS you are the lawyer in need of the heart
transplant**