

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-27

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Jericho is 17 miles ENE of Jerusalem and 10 miles north of the mouth of the Dead Sea. Jerusalem is 2,500 ft. above sea level. Jericho is 700 ft. below sea level.

This story is so compelling, at least in part, because we ALL see ourselves in the story.

The expert in the Law came to Jesus “to put him to the TEST” (Lk. 10:25) and “to JUSTIFY himself” (Lk. 10:29).

At the end of the story, the expert in the Law could not even bring himself to say the word “SAMARITAN” (Lk. 10:37).

Jesus refuses to answer the WRONG question.

The essence of BIGOTRY and RACISM is that we don’t have a FOLDER for any of the good things that at least some members of a particular group of people do.

Jesus’ final instructions in this passage are “You go, and DO LIKEWISE” (Lk. 10:37)

Group Discussion Questions

Why have so many people found the parable of the Good Samaritan to be so meaningful?

What are some of the most powerful lessons to be learned from the parable of the Good Samaritan?

With whom do you identify in the parable of the Good Samaritan?

Have you experienced the parable of the Good Samaritan in different ways during different seasons of your life?

One of the questions asked during the sermon this morning was “Do you have a file for that?” (like a file for a Good Samaritan) What are examples you have of “new files” that have been added to your thinking through the years?

What are some examples of ways that we can “Go, and do likewise” regarding the parable of the Good Samaritan?