

## A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1:

Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

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

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 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.

31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 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. 35 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.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Slide 2:

This Short Story is about Justification

Slide 3:

Loving God and loving others perfectly is the summation of the law.

Slide 4:

613 laws could be summarized by 10. The Ten Commandments could be summarized by 2.

Slide 5:

We can get to God on our own efforts IF we can love God perfectly and others perfectly. That is the way through the Law to life!

Slide 6:

God's saving love is conditional

Slide 7:

When you realize that you can't do something that is right to do (and should do) it brings you closer to the Kingdom of God.

Slide 8:

The Way into heaven (on your own) is not to know or give correct answers, but to be a correct person.

Slide 9:

Instead of asking "Who?", we should be asking "Am I?"

Slide 10:

We were created to love perfectly. We were created to follow the Law perfectly.

Slide 11:

This parable is not giving us something to do better. This short story is trying to convince us that we can never do enough to get to God.

Slide 12:

This parable is intended to destroy our nature/default to be self-justified.

## **B. GROUP QUESTIONS**

1) How do you remember this text as a child? What do most people think it is about?

2) Jesus didn't tell the thief on the cross to do anything to get into heaven. This theology expert was told that he needed to love God perfectly and others as himself to get into heaven. Why the different answers?

3) What does it mean that God's saving love is conditional?

4) Why is bad "news" necessary before receiving good "news?"

5) Think about the fact that what seems unreasonable, and impossible now (to love God and others perfectly) was something that we were created to do. How does this inform us of the nature of sin and depravity?

6) Jesus was trying to get this lawyer to bad news on the basis of his own record. In other words Jesus played the theological game on the board the lawyer was playing on. He did this same thing to the Rich Young Ruler. He was trying to get them to bad news first before offering another way.

Why do we largely leave this out of our own approach to evangelism?

7) Prayer and praise