

**Story Time With Jesus**  
**Who's Your Neighbor**  
**Discover Church**  
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*"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?" Luke 10:25-29*

**Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?**

**How do you read it?**

*"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5*

*"but love your neighbor as yourself." Leviticus 19:18*

**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." Luke 10:30-37*

**The one that showed mercy**

*"Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" John 8:48*

## **Lessons from the Good Samaritan**

### **1. Who is your neighbor – anyone who is in need**

*“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.” Proverbs 3:27*

### **2. Lack of love is often easy to justify, but it is never right**

*“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” James 2:15-16*

*“Do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14*

### **3. Love means you take action**

*“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13*

*“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” Matthew 10:42*

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16*

### **4. Step out of your comfort zone to serve others**

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

*“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name” Philippians 2:6-9*

### **5. Look for opportunities to show God’s Mercy**

*“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:9-10*

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34*

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5:16; Joshua 1:9; Philippians 2:6-9; Galatians 6:9-10; John 13:34*