

Connect Group Discussion Guide – 7/28/2024

Kingdom Stories Week 9 – Luke 10:28-37 Parable of the Good Samaritan

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQvR0S5fB8AzraGYts4eQfg> (Posted on Monday)

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Highlights

- Will examine what it means to be a good neighbor
- Jesus was the best teacher ever, and he didn't have fancy tech, books, worship bands, etc.
 - We learn by seeing, hearing, and doing.
 - He was the master at using Q & A to teach.
- Parable means "to throw alongside." 2 things to compare: earth and heaven
 - An earthly story with a heavenly meaning
- **Q & A Round 1, Luke 10:25-26**
 - Expert in the law would have studied the Law so well he would have known it backwards and forwards. He was truly an expert
 - **Q:** What must I do? The experts in the law; the Pharisees were all about what they do.
 - **A:** Jesus answered the question with a question!
 - **Luke 10:27** Love – agape love, it's all about the other person, not myself
 - **Luke 10:28** The expert had head knowledge.
 - What he quoted is found in the Law: Dt. 6:4-5.
 - It's about loving God in totality. All your heart, all your soul, all your strength.
 - It's about loving God more than anything else.
 - Loving your neighbor is evidence of your love for Jesus. (Lk 6:31, Lev 19:18) Jesus takes it a step further: love your enemies.
 - **Does your life show you really understand what you know in your head?**
- **Q & A Round 2, Luke 10:29-35**
 - "But" – expert wants to go in a different direction to gain credibility.
 - **Q:** Who is my neighbor?
 - **A:** Jesus tells the parable story.
 - Jerusalem is at 2500' elevation, Jericho is -800' elevation, so literally going *down* from Jerusalem. About 17 miles. Lots of potential for danger on this road.
 - **Luke 10:31** the priest and Levite moved on without compassion
 - "But" – a Samaritan: would have had a lot of animosity with the Jews; they were considered "watered down" Jews because they were children of intermarrying during the time of the Assyrian exile.
 - The Samaritan demonstrated care and love: He "did" love (remember, the expert asked what he must "do."
 - He saw, pitied, went to, bandaged, anointed, lifted, took, cared for, paid for, vouched for
- **Q & A Round 3, Luke 10:26-37**
 - **Q:** Which was the neighbor to the man in need?
 - **A:** The one who showed him mercy (compassion, love)
 - **Jesus:** Go and "do" likewise.
 - **What must I do?** Show mercy, compassion, love: it's evidence of your love for and following Jesus.
- **Who is your neighbor?**
- **Do you love the Lord in totality?**
- **If so, how can you show it to those around you?**