



The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 | March 1, 2026

To "Love Where We Live," starts in our home and then extends to our community.

» What do we notice about the "expert" in the law/lawyer?

1. He's an "expert"
2. He stands up to test Jesus
3. He asks the wrong question

How does the Good Samaritan respond in Jesus' story?

- » He saw the person before he saw the need! (The need is temporary, but the person is eternal.)
- » He chose to help meet the need. (He didn't "fix the person," he helped the person.)
- » He chose to go the extra mile.

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WRONG QUESTION:

"Who is my neighbor?"

RIGHT QUESTION:

"To Whom can I be a neighbor to?"

"Go and do likewise."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Gathering on March 1 at 4:30 PM

Registration for Summer Camp at Round Lake begins on March 4

Daylight Savings Begins on March 8

Blood Drive on March 9 from Noon to 6:00 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share one thing you love about living in the greater Columbus area. What makes our community special to you?

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- » Why is 'Who is my neighbor?' the wrong question, and how does shifting to 'Whom can I be a neighbor to?' fundamentally change our approach to loving others?
- » The Priest and Levite had religious knowledge but passed by the wounded man. What prevents us from acting on what we know is right, even when we have strong biblical knowledge?
- » The Good Samaritan saw the person before he saw the need. How does viewing people as eternal souls rather than temporary problems change the way we serve our community?
- » What does it mean that the Good Samaritan went the extra mile by leaving two days' wages and promising to cover additional expenses? How does this challenge our comfort level with sacrificial giving?
- » The sermon emphasizes that loving where we live starts in our homes and extends outward. What specific barriers prevent us from taking the love we experience at home into our neighborhoods and workplaces?
- » Jesus chose a Samaritan as the hero of this story, someone despised by His audience. Who are the people in our community that we might overlook or avoid, yet could teach us about genuine compassion?
- » In what ways might our political opinions, cultural differences, or personal biases cause us to pass by people who need help, similar to the Priest and Levite in the parable?
- » The Good Samaritan helped meet the need without trying to fix the person. What is the difference between helping someone and trying to fix them, and why is this distinction important in practical ministry?

NEXT STEPS:

What is one specific way you will be a neighbor to someone this week?