

## Life Group Questions - *Unity, Equality, and Glory: Part 2* – Luke 10:25-37

### UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

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1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Jesus-justified people are filled with compassion and know they must be good neighbors to people in need

### Outline

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1. Luke Context
2. Parable Context
3. Characteristics
  - A. Bad neighbor
    - i. Self-oriented
    - ii. Callous/Complacent
  - B. Good neighbor
    - i. Compassion
    - ii. Capacity
    - iii. Christ
4. Implications for CHBC

### Interpretation Help

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### Gospel Centrality

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1. True justification comes first through Jesus' work at Calvary, and then we must follow His ways.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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### Warming Up

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1. What were your thoughts about Jay's story? Did you resonate with any of the aspects of his upbringing?

### Letting the Text Shape our Framework

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1. Context:
  1. Luke context:
    - A. Right after return of 72 (or 70) from mission trip (vv. 1-20)
    - B. Jesus rejoices (vv. 21-24)
  2. Parable context:
    - A. Jerusalem to Jericho (from worship); man is a Jew, dangerous 17 mi journey, from 2600 ft to - 825 ft
2. Characteristics:
  1. Bad neighbor:

- A. Self-oriented:
    - i. What were the Priest/Levite motivated by?
    - ii. What are the false sense of values represented here?
  - B. Callous/Complacent:
    - i. How do false beliefs lead to non-action OR false action?
    - ii. How is this a sin of omission vs. commission? What is the distinguishing factor in this story?
    - iii. In the race narrative today how are most people docked for sin of commission?
2. Good neighbor:
- A. Compassion:
    - i. From deserve to despite theology (or grace theology)
      - a. What were the 'qualifications' or 'pre-requisites' the lawyer was looking for?
      - b. Why does Jesus choose an enemies to be the main characters in the story?
      - c. Why are we called to love our neighbor despite who they are?
  - B. Capacity
    - i. How does the Samaritan practically meet the man's needs?
    - ii. What can you imagine the "costs" for his compassion were in his society?
    - iii. Do you have the tendency to live in "theory" rather than "reality"? How is it a normal to let orthodoxy not become orthopraxy?
  - C. Christ
    - i.

## Traveling Through the Cross

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1. A neighbor is something we are, not something we have, not an ideology, not a political party. Now that we are Jesus-justified, what are ways you will respond out of love and grace to your neighbor?

## Applying This Passage to our Lives

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1. Is there a problem?
  - A. Coming off last week, what is going on in your heart?
    - i. What do you feel like you would lose: ideology, doctrinal purity, reputation?
    - ii. Is there any callousness or complacency in your heart toward other people-groups?
2. Start to investigate
  - A. How will you make space to research this biblically with community?
3. Listen
  - A. How will you make space to listen to Jesus?
  - B. What about a person from a different ethnicity that you believe has had a "head-wind" in life?
4. Put your heart out there
5. Be open...
  - A. To the reality that doors close, head winds exist, and there is not equal access or fair referees based on race, character, competency, experience, etc

6. Consider the power of our witness
  - A. How counter-intuitive, destabilizing, and transcendent will our witness be by living by what the Word says?
7. Begin to pray about and consider what your capacity is and where God has placed you to utilize it.
  - A. Please take time to pray through those as a group.