

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ 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.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when

he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins 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.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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FOR REFLECTION

Last Sunday night, Sam spoke about the deep compassion that Jesus showed and in turn, calls us to show toward others. What impacted you most out of that message? How does the parable of the good Samaritan help to deepen your understanding of what it means to love like Jesus?

Who do you identify most with in this parable?

- a. The Law Expert
- b. The Beaten-up Man
- c. The Priest
- d. The Samaritan
- e. Other _____

To understand this parable, you need to understand the animosity that ‘regular’ Jews had towards Samaritan Jews – they really didn’t like them! Therefore, this was a controversial parable – the Samaritan was the hero. Is there a particular group of people that you find difficult to love or feel compassion towards? By using the specific characters that He did, to whom do you think Jesus wants us to show compassion?

Would you describe yourself as a compassionate person? Explain your answer. Sam defined compassion as not just a feeling, but an action that results from a feeling. What prevents us from doing actions that reveal our true compassion?

When we were dead in our sin, God showed us great compassion by dying in our place on the cross. Thank Him for that and ask Him to give you that same compassion towards others.

