

11/8/2020 **Sermon series:** Follow Me & Love like a Samaritan **Text:** Luke 10:25-37

Reflect on the sermon: Did you gain any new insights on this familiar story?

Examination:

- Vs. 25-29: Describe how the expert in the law *approaches* Jesus. What is his *attitude* toward Jesus? What seems genuine and what seems like a desire to trip Jesus up?
- Discuss how Jesus engages and interacts with the expert in the law (vs. 26-28; 36-37). What do we learn about Jesus? How should this inform our interactions with others?
- How does the question about eternal life (vs. 25) *relate* to the parable Jesus tells (vs. 30-35)? Is there a connection?
- Who is represented in the man by the road?
- What do the priest and Levite have in common? How might they have justified their actions?
- Why does Jesus choose to make a Samaritan the hero? How does this speak to the sin of racism?
- Why did the Samaritan stop when he saw the man? What was he thinking?
- How is the ministry of Jesus seen in the actions of the Good Samaritan? How else do we see Jesus (see Matthew 25:40)? What are the implications of this for us?
- How important to Jesus is the “doing” of our faith (see vs. 28 & 37)? Is right “doing” more important than right “knowing”?

Application: Which of the 6 ways identified in the sermon (listed below) to “love like a Samaritan” do you desire to apply to your life as a follower of Jesus? Can you identify some practical steps to take this week to do this?

- To “love like a Samaritan” means we are **intentional** about traveling on the Jericho Roads of life. Is there a Jericho Road you have been avoiding?
- To “love like a Samaritan” is **risky & inconvenient**.
- To “love like a Samaritan” is to love **inclusively**. Is there any way I have been withholding God’s love from others?
- To “love like a Samaritan” is to allow the Lord and the needs of others to **dictate my use of the resources God has entrusted to me**.
- To “love like a Samaritan” is to be **motivated by Christ-like compassion**.
- To “love like a Samaritan” is to recognize that **worship and mission are inseparable**.

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Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

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'^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]"

"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?"

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^[c] 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."

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"If we do not do the things the Bible teaches that people with saving faith do, then we probably do not have saving faith at all." John Calvin

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Luke 6:35

“Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons and daughters of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.”

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