

## NEXT STEP: STUDY &amp; SHARE

## READINGS

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, & the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, & turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

## SERMON TEXT- Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, & with all your soul, & with all your strength, & with all your mind; & your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, & you will live.” <sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, & fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, & went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; & when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place & saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; & when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him & bandaged his wounds, having poured oil & wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, & took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, & said, ‘Take care of him; & when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go & do likewise.”

## LISTENING TO . . .

**GOD- Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit**

1. Notice the lawyer refers to “inheriting” eternal life (v25). How is he right? *See Romans 3:21--5:21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 19-20; Galatians 3:1-29; 5:1-6, 16-25; Ephesians 1:11-18, 2:8; Colossians 1:12, 3:24; Titus 3:7; 1 Peter 1:4-18; Revelation 21:7*
2. It seems the extent of Jesus’ answer sinks in, & so the lawyer wishes to narrow the scope of neighbors (v29). How is he wrong? *See Exodus 22:21, 23:9; Leviticus 19:18, 34; Numbers 15:13-31; Deuteronomy 10:19; Jeremiah 22:3; Matthew 5:43-48; Acts 10:44-48; Romans 3:29-30; 1 John 4:20-21*

**EACH OTHER- Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ**

3. Consider the following excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount (*Matthew 5:17-45, 7:15-22*) & the Last Supper (*John 13:12-16, 34-35*). Does Jesus really expect such perfection from us? Does he expect such good works to overrule his grace, or to be fueled by his grace? *See Proverbs 21:3; Amos 5:24; Micah 6:8; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 2:9-10; 1 John 4:15-19*
4. Jesus’ story would have scandalized the first hearers of the gospel. Samaritans, as is well known, were despised by Israelites. Where do you think Jesus might see scandalous examples of mercy today? \* Be specific. Start by imagining yourself as the Levite & someone you admire socially as the Priest; who would be a Samaritan in y’all’s perspective(s) performing a scandalous example of mercy?

**NEIGHBORS- Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters**

5. Jesus challenges us not simply to see strangers as neighbors, but to be neighbors to those who are radically different than us. When is the last time Jesus challenged you— really challenged you— to act as a neighbor to someone else? \* (Cf. v37.) How did it go? What did you learn about them? About yourself? About what others thought of you?
6. Those who are dramatically other than us have something to teach us about faithful living. How do you learn from those who are *other* than you? \* (E.g. AA/12-Step friends, disabled/handicapped; single parents, immigrants, income below IRS minimum,)

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