

5. What is the equivalent of the Samaritan in your world—someone who would be the least likely person to stop and help you along the side of the road?

6. Jesus tells the story in such a way that the hearers identify with the man who was beaten and left to die. How does this parable teach a combination of Matthew 5:43-44 and 7:12?

7. This parable is more than a mandate to help people in need; it goes to the core motivation for helping people in need. It goes from a “have-to” to a “want-to.” How so?

8. Looking back over this week’s sermon and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and apply?

SERIES: Journey to Easter

SERMON 3: “Gospel Neighboring”

TEXT: Luke 10:25-37

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The Occasion of the Story

- A Bible expert puts Jesus to the _____ with a question.
- Jesus pulls the respond-to-the-question-with-a-question _____.
- The Bible expert looks like the _____ student looking for affirmation.
- The Bible expert tries to recover his _____ and gain the upper hand with another question.
- Jesus counters with the let-me-tell-you-a-story _____.
- The story pulls the Bible expert in again and totally _____ the question/issue.

Clues There’s Something More

This is not simply a story about _____ people in need.

- **Clue #1:** The _____ in the story

The Priest and the Levite

The Samaritan

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Luke 10:25-37

- **Clue #2:** Jesus never really _____ the question.

Luke 10: 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Luke 10: 36 "Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

Three Dynamics

Dynamic #1: The _____ as much as the Jews hated the Samaritans.

- 'Why would _____ on the side of the road?'
- 'If a Samaritan were to do this, it would be an act of pure _____.'

Dynamic #2: Everyone in the crowd would _____ with the man on the side of the road.

- What if Jesus started the story like this, "A man was driving home from work..."

- Who is the Samaritan (the guy who _____ YOU)?

- Now you are forced to think, 'How would I feel about that?'

'Maybe I need to help people that I don't consider to be the neighbor God calls me to love.'

The Parable of the Good Samaritan = Love your _____ (Matt. 5:43-44) + the _____ (Matt. 7:12)

Jesus doesn't even try to _____ who is our neighbor. He doesn't need to. Instead, he calls us to love our _____.

Dynamic #3: What the Samaritan does for his _____ is what God did for us—it's the dynamic of the _____.

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Describe in your own words how Jesus out-maneuvers the Bible expert.
3. If Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" If he were simply telling a story to illustrate that our neighbor is someone who needs help, what details in this story are superfluous and why are they superfluous?
4. In this story, the fact that the Samaritans hated the Jews is even more significant than that the Jews hated the Samaritans. Jesus wants them to ask themselves, "Why would a Samaritan help a Jew?" What is the answer?

