## **Sermon Notes**

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## **TIP** (Take It Personal)

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**Series:** Walking With Jesus Through the Parables

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This week we are walking through the parable of the Good Samaritan with Jesus. The story is very familiar to many of us. Because of this familiarity the challenge will be not to come to conclusions before you do this bible study. Take some time to slow down and jump in the middle of the story with Jesus and those who were listening to him. It is likely you will discover something you have missed in the past. God may have a surprise waiting for you.

In the context immediately preceding this parable two related questions were asked by an expert in the law. Both questions were designed to probe Jesus as to His concept of the righteousness that would please God. Keep in mind that by this point in Jesus's ministry most had rejected him as the Messiah who has come to establish God's kingdom on earth. So the questions were really nothing more than a way to test him.

However Jesus turns the tables on his questioner by telling a short story to illustrate what true righteousness looks like. It involves loving God and loving others. It serves as a great illustration for us today as we seek to live as God's children in today's world. Take some time this week to work through the following questions as you seek to take it personal.

Blessings,

Pastor Ed

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Note: Be sure to read the surrounding passages in which Luke has placed the story of the Good Samaritan.		5. If someone asked you "what must I do to inherit eternal life", how would	
			you answer them? Can you inherit eternal life by loving God and your neighbor?
1.	Why do you think this expert of the law wanted to test Jesus? What was the motive behind his questions?		
		6.	Why do you think Jesus used a priest, a Levite and a Samaritan in his story illustrating what it means to love your neighbor? Why not just three individuals? Would you have placed a Samaritan in this story?
2.	Why do you think the lawyer felt a need to justify himself?		
		7.	Why do you think the priest and the Levite refused to help?
3.	How would you have answered the lawyer's questions?		
		8.	What role does mercy play? (v. 37) What hinders you from having mercy on those in need? In other words, what prevents you from being a Good Samaritan?
4.	What is the meaning behind the term "eternal life" in verse 25?		
		9.	What difference should Jesus's teaching in this parable make in your life? How will you be intentional about living this out?