

Luke 10:25-37

Note: Be sure to read the surrounding passages in which Luke has placed the story of the Good Samaritan.

1. Why do you think this expert of the law wanted to test Jesus? What was the motive behind his questions?
2. Why do you think the lawyer felt a need to justify himself?
3. How would you have answered the lawyer's questions?
4. What is the meaning behind the term "eternal life" in verse 25?
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?
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?
7. Why do you think the priest and the Levite refused to help?
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?
9. What difference should Jesus's teaching in this parable make in your life? How will you be intentional about living this out?