



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Opening Prayer/Worship Song: This is a move, Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

Luke 10:25-37 (ASK SOMEONE TO READ LOUD AND CLEAR)

25 And behold, a certain **lawyer** stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 He said to him, "What is **written in the law**? What is your reading of it?"

27 So he answered and said, " '**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,**' and '**your neighbor as yourself.**' "

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And **who is my neighbor?**"

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 Now by chance a certain **priest** came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 Likewise a **Levite**, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?

37 And he said, "**He who showed mercy on him.**" Then Jesus said to him, "**Go and do likewise.**"

INTRODUCTION

- What is love? Have you loved?
- Do you want to be loved?
- How is love seen? Today we will study a passage to know the answers to these questions.

DISCUSSION (- GET ANSWERS -)

1. Who came and spoke with Jesus and what was his concern?

ANS.: verse 25

- A Lawyer (expert in "their" law)
- What must he do to inherit eternal life

2. How did Jesus answered him? Why?

ANS.: verse 26

- Jesus answered with a question... "what was written in the law"
- By referring to the Law, Jesus is directing the man to an authority they both know and accept as Truth (the O. T.)

3. Did the lawyer know the answer? What was it?

ANS.: verse 27

- Yes
- 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' (Deut. 6:5 & Lev. 19:18)
- Love for God and love for man go hand in hand

4. What was the lawyer's follow up question? Why did he asked?

ANS.: verse 27

- Who is my neighbor?
- He wants to justify himself

5. How did Jesus answer the lawyer's follow up question?

ANS.:

- By using a PARABLE

SPECIAL TOPICS CATEGORY: PARABLES OF JESUS

LESSON NUMBER: ST-B02

"LOVE SEEN IN ACTION"



6. Who are the characters in the parable?

ANS.:

- *Certain man - victim of the thieves, left almost dead on the road*
- *Certain priest - saw the victim lying on the road but passed him by*
- *Certain Levite - saw the victim lying on the road but passed him by*
- *Certain Samaritan - saw the victim lying on the road and helped the man*

BACKGROUND:

- For hundreds of years, the Jews and Samaritans have mutual animosity. They are people living in Israel.
- For the Jews, the Samaritans are an impure race (their ancestors intermarried with foreign invaders) with a false religion, worshiping God on Mt. Gerizim instead of in Jerusalem.

To correct man's false understanding of "who a neighbor is", the Lord used "characters" to better define who a neighbor is.

7. Who were the priest and Levites? What did they do when they saw the man on the road?

ANS.:

- **PRIEST** - *A priest is a minister and was given authority to teach the sacred information and perform the sacred duties to preserve and bring that faith to others. Priests usually serve as a representative between people and God.*
- **LEVITE** - *The Levites were the tribe of Israelites descended from Levi, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. All priests were to be Levites, according to the Law, but not all Levites were priests.*
- **Both passed by and did not help the man.**

8. What is a Samaritan? What did he do when he saw the man on the road?

ANS.:

- *Samaritans do not have good relation with the Jews.*
- *The Samaritan could have noticed that the man who travelled from Jerusalem is a Jew, but instead of ignoring him he helped him.*

Actions done by the Good Samaritan:

1. *Went to the injured man*
2. *Bandage the man's wounds*
3. *Pour oil / wine*
4. *Put the man on his animal (for transport)*
5. *Brought the man to an inn*
6. *Took care of him*
7. *Gave money to innkeeper*
8. *Ask the innkeeper to take care of the man, and the Samaritan will pay for extra charges*

9. What is the significance of using the three particular characters in this parable?

ANS.:

- ***The priest and Levites*** - *By Nature of their position in the nation of Israel, they are supposed to be a person of compassion. Esp. for the priest who were serving the temple. But both passed by and did not help the man, though the man most probably is also a Jew (from Jerusalem to Jericho).*
- ***The priest and Levites*** – *knows the law and are expected to apply it.*
- ***Samaritan*** – *he is the least expected person to help the man since he is not a priest and since the injured man is most likely to be a Jew whom the Samaritans have animosity with.*

ANS.:

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS DRAWING A STRONG CONTRAST BETWEEN THOSE WHO KNEW THE LAW AND THOSE WHO ACTUALLY FOLLOWED THE LAW IN THEIR LIFESTYLE AND CONDUCT.

10. Going back to what is written in the Law, who then is "our" neighbor?

ANS.:

- *Everyone*
- *Regardless of race, gender, religion – **the Samaritan saw his neighbor as anyone who was in need***



REFLECTION

1. Why do you think the Samaritan was able to help and others did not?

- It could be that the Samaritan has the means (bandages, oil, wine, time, money) to help the man at that time, while the priest and Levites do not have
- Or, the others could be self-centered and see their priorities more important than others

2. If the priests and Levites do not have the means, what is the least that they could have done?

- They should have checked the man
- They should have find and asked others to tend to the man's needs

3. If you had been the Samaritan, would you have done the same? Would you put that person's needs ahead of your business?

2. Are there any group of people or people of other nationalities that you do not like (or hate)? Why? How can you apply the lesson you have learned today?

CONCLUSION

- Our Lord gave a vivid picture of love in action. It is not enough to know about love and talk about love. We must show it in our everyday lives.
- The Lord Jesus tells "Go and do likewise" – we are to start living what God's Greatest Commandment tells us to do.

SHARING

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

1. Share at least three specific things you can do immediately to show your love to your brother or sister, parents, friends, colleagues, community.