

## The parable of the Good Samaritan

### Luke 10 v 25-37

Whose welfare do you think you are responsible for?



#### Read Luke 10 v 25-29

Why did the legal expert ask Jesus a question? (v25)

Jesus told him to love God and love his neighbour. Why do you think the legal expert asked Jesus to explain who his neighbour was?

#### Read v 30-32

Jesus tells a parable (a story with a meaning). A man gets beaten up and left for dead. A priest and a temple worker come along. What do they do to help?

Is this what you would expect of people who say they love God? Why?

#### Read v 33-35

A Samaritan comes along. He was a foreigner and his people were enemies of the Jews. What would Jesus' listeners expect the Samaritan to do for the beaten-up guy?

What did the Samaritan do?

#### Read v36-37

Who acted as a real neighbour to the beaten-up man?

What does this tell us about whose welfare we are responsible for?

#### Read Luke 6 v 27-28

Jesus is not saying we should put ourselves in dangerous situations or contact people who have harmed us. He's telling us to pray for them and not to slander or harm them. This is a step on the road to us being able to forgive them. Are you ready to take this first step?

**Prayer: Father God, thank you that you love me so much that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so I could be forgiven for my sins. Thank you for reaching out to me when I was still living as your enemy. Please help me to pray for, and safely act as a neighbour towards, people around me today whether or not I like them. Amen.**

### **Luke 10 v 25-37 The Parable of the Good Samaritan (NIV 2011)**

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

### **Luke 6 v 27-28**

‘Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you.’