

God and Man Through the Bible – Session 15

The Good Samaritan and Love – According to Jesus

Read: [Luke 10: 25-37](#)

Background: A teacher of the Law (Jewish Law) asks Jesus how he can have eternal life. Jesus asks him what the Law says. The man answers by saying we should love God and love our neighbor. He then asks Jesus to explain what is meant by “neighbor.” Jesus tells a story about the “Good Samaritan” to help us understand what God’s definition of love is.

- 1 Do you think it is possible to love God and people like the man describes in verse 17?
- 2 In Jesus’s story, who are the four main characters?
- 3 The Jewish man has been attacked by robbers and is lying at the side of the road. Why do you think that the priest and temple assistant ignore him? How do people from your culture usually treat people like this? Would you ignore a man who had been treated like this?
- 4 Who finally comes along and helps the man? What nationality is he? Is that surprising?
- 5 Where does the Samaritan take the wounded Jewish man? Does he pay for the man’s care?
- 6 Who showed the most love? Why is this story unusual? Is it easy to love our enemies? What do you think is the main point of this story?
- 7 Read [John 13:34,35](#)
What does Jesus instruct His disciples to do? Why does He want them to do this? What do you think love is? How would you define love? How have you been loved?
- 8 Read [I John 4:7, 8](#)
Where does love come from? Do you believe that love originally comes from God? Why or why not? How can we know if someone does not love God?
- 9 Read [I John 4:9,10](#)
How did God show His love to us? Why did Jesus have to be a sacrifice?
- 10 Read [1 Corinthians 13:4-8](#)
What is love like? Talk about the different attributes or qualities of love. Which is easiest to do? Which is hardest to do?

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Discuss:

What do you think is the main lesson Jesus is trying to teach us in the story of the Good Samaritan? How should we respond to the needs of people from other cultures? What can you do to change your attitude and the attitudes of others?

Fill in the Blanks

- a. Jesus told a story about a _____ who helped a _____.
- b. The Jewish man had been attacked by _____.
- c. A _____ and a _____ passed by the man who had been attacked.
- d. Jesus told a _____ _____ to do the same.

True or False

- a. An expert of the law wanted to know how to have eternal life.
- b. Jesus told a story about a Jewish man and a horse.
- c. The Samaritan took responsibility for the man who had been attacked.
- d. Jesus told the expert of the law that he did not have to do the same as the Samaritan.

For Further Reading:

[What is the Meaning of the Parable of the Good Samaritan?](#)