

“The Secrets of the Kingdom of God”: the Parables of Jesus in Luke
Luke 10:25–37: The Parable of the Good Samaritan

The Questions (Luke 10:25–29)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” (Leviticus 19:18)

The Parable (Luke 10:30–37)

“Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.” (John 4:9)

Lesson #1: Following Jesus Means Loving God and Loving People

“But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:36–40)

“If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and yet hates his brother or sister, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother or sister whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen” (1 John 4:20)

Lesson #2: Loving Your Neighbor Means Identifying Needs Around You, Having Compassion, and Meeting Those Needs

Lesson #3: Jesus Demands Unlimited Obedience

“One cannot define one’s neighbor; one can only be a neighbor.” (Franz Leenhardt)

Jesus Is the Good Samaritan

“Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:5)

“Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.” (“It Is Well With My Soul”)

