

STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE: “Good Neighbors” (Luke 10:25-37)

Discussion Starters

1. Who is your closest “neighbor”?
2. Who is your most distant “neighbor”?

Study: Read Luke 10:25-37 in preparation for the following questions.

3. What is the background of the parable?
4. What is the primary point of the parable? (Sum it up in one brief sentence.)
5. Who were the “lawyers”?
6. Who were the Samaritans?
7. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

- “put him to the test” (Luke 10:25)—
- “soul” (Luke 10:27)—
- “strength” (Luke 10:27)—
- “showed” (Luke 10:37)—
- “mercy” (Luke 10:37)—

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8. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

9. Why did Jesus choose a Samaritan for his illustration?

10. Why did Jesus choose to use the priest and Levite as illustrations in his parable?

Taking It Home (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

11. How does someone who doesn't “feel” love toward God love Him with all his heart, soul, strength and mind? Can you give an example?

12. Who do you have the most difficulty seeing as a neighbor?

13. What does Jesus want you to do (specifically) for that neighbor?