

Rediscover Jesus, 37: “Parable of the Good Samaritan”
Luke 10:25-37
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*We cannot love God and neighbor perfectly
so humbly receive Jesus’ love and mercy.*

**I. Jesus is tested on his understanding of eternal life
(vv.25-29)**

- Jesus is tested by a religious lawyer who assumes that he can earn eternal life by keeping religious rules and justifying himself.

Luke 10:25-29 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

²⁷ And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

II. Jesus teaches on his standard of neighborly love (vv.30-37)

- Jesus teaches the lawyer about his perfect standards of love through a parable about a perfect neighbor who would be worthy of eternal life.

Luke 10:30-37 (ESV)

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Life Application:

- **Reflect:** How is God speaking to me through his Word?
- **Repent:** Do I try to justify myself before God, minimizing my sin and minimizing my obedience?
- **Rejoice:** Am I deeply moved to rejoice in the perfect love of Jesus I have received by faith?
- **Reveal:** Having received such perfect love, how am I moved to "go and do likewise" to my neighbors inside and outside our church?