

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1343: What Does Being a Good Samaritan Really Mean?

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See:



1. What did the lawyer ask Jesus? Why did he question Jesus? (Luke 10:25)
2. What is Jesus' approach to answering the lawyer's question? How does the lawyer respond? What is Jesus' reply? What is the lawyer's next question? (Luke 10:26-29, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 18:4-5, 19:9-34)
3. Describe the story of the Good Samaritan. How did the priest react to the beaten man? How about the Levite? How did their actions violate the Law? (Luke 10:30-32, Exodus 23:4-5, Deuteronomy 22:1-4)
4. Have you ever made excuses in order to not help others in need? Have you looked at a situation and concluded the cost of stopping outweighs the value of helping? What is the solution to this attitude?
5. How was the Samaritan different from the priest and the Levite? Why is this parable more meaningful by Jesus using a Samaritan as one of the characters?
6. How did the Samaritan's actions define what being a "neighbor" means? What can we do to show our love for God's gift of love to us? (Luke 10:33-35, Isaiah 58:6-8, 61:1-2, James 2:14-18)
7. What do the actions of the priest and Levite show us? What do the actions of the Samaritan illustrate? Do you see parts of your own actions in either or both of these examples? What can you do to change or adopt these attitudes in your life?
8. What was the only right answer to the lawyer's question? What was the universal truth illustrated by this parable? (Luke 10:36-37)
  - a. What was Jesus' **perspective** towards other peoples, even though he was specifically sent to the house of Israel? (Luke 17:11-16) Are you aware of any of your own hidden prejudices?
  - b. What was Jesus' **priority** during his time here on earth? (John 4:7-10, 25-26) Take time to think about your priorities. How can you better prioritize your time?
  - c. What was Jesus' **purpose** in coming to this earth as a human being? What was the mission he gave his disciples before he ascended to heaven? (Acts 1:6-8) How can you accept that others are equal recipients of Jesus' redemption?
9. Can you use the Parable of the Good Samaritan to look at cultural and racial discrimination, prejudice and biases that might be keeping you from achieving a fully God-honoring life? In the eyes of God and of Jesus, do you accept that all others are your "neighbors"? What does being a good Samaritan mean to you?