

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Parable of the Good Samaritan

Read Luke 10:25-37

- Who challenged Jesus?
- What are the two great commandments?
- How do we know Jesus loved God?
- How do we know Jesus loved his neighbor as himself?
- How does Jesus define "neighbor"?
- Who is our neighbor?
- Is the Good Samaritan another way of showing how Jesus loved?
- What kind of story does Jesus tell the lawyer? (parable)
- Look at the characters in the story: the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, the man who was beaten.
 - Who might these people be today?
 - What if the injured person were someone from a different ethnic group than yours? Would you stop to help?
 - Why do you think the two Jews walked away from him?
 - Describe the Samaritan.
 - Why was it so unusual for him to stop and tend to the man's wounds?
 - What if the injured man was from Israel? The United States?
 - And what if the Samaritan was a Palestinian? Iraqi?
 - Would you expect him to stop and help?
 - What did the lawyer learn from this parable?
 - What lessons did you learn from this parable?
 - How can we all express more compassion and care for one another?
 - Does loving your neighbor as yourself help explain how Jesus loved?
 - Why is it important for us to be willing to help others?
 - How does God see each of us?
 - How can we work to see each other the way God sees us?