

The Parables of Jesus



The Good Samaritan
“Love
(re)Defined”

The kingdom of heaven is like...

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Two Questions (Luke 10)

1. What must I do to inherit eternal life?
 2. Who is my neighbor?
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- A photograph of a wooden boat on a beach, partially submerged in shallow water. The boat is reflected in the water. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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First Question – Background

The Law

The Perfect Sacrifice

Grace: The Wedge

First Question:

What must I *do*?

Second Question:

Who is my neighbor?



Luke 10



Observations:

- The reality of suffering
- The helplessness of the injured
- Some really do pass by
- You can't claim ignorance
- There's always excuses



A Religious
Justification:
Love God –
Love Torah

Here: love is
redefined



Our Model: The Samaritan

- The man's suffering takes priority over the faith, race, morality, and relative deserving nature of the dying man.
- No reason other than compassion



Our Model: The Samaritan

- He helped without concern for his own fears of safety, and without concern for his own pocket book.



Our Model: The Samaritan

- He does what he does with all of what he has.
- It is a personal, physical, intimate, messy encounter that costs him much.



Jesus, The Greater Samaritan

- We have rejected him
- He came by choice
- He was attacked and died
- Christ gave of himself for all time



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- The Standard for earning favor is unattainable
- We follow Christ with generosity
- We are not exempt nor immune from the suffering of the world



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- We are called to enter in.
- He “came to where the man was” – avoidance isn’t an option