

Love Across The Lines

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Observations from Luke 10:25-37:

What is happening in these verses?

Context (Luke 10:25-29):

- A lawyer tests Jesus, asking, “*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*”
- Jesus points him to the Law: “*Love the Lord your God... and love your neighbor as yourself.*”
- The lawyer, seeking to justify himself, asks, “*Who is my neighbor?*”

Details in the Parable (Luke 10:30-37):

- **The Victim:** Robbed, beaten, and left for dead on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.
- **The Priest:** Passed by on the other side.
- **The Levite:** Passed by on the other side.
- **The Samaritan’s Actions:**
 - Stops to help, cleans and bandages the victim’s wounds.
 - Transports him to safety and pays for his care.
- **Jesus’ Command:** “**Go and do likewise.**”

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Lessons from Luke 10:25-37:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **Love Crosses Boundaries (Luke 10:33):**

- The Samaritan, hated by Jews, becomes the hero. This shows the kind of love that God has; a love that transcends barriers.
 - Ref: *Galatians 3:28, Acts 10:34-35*

- **Love is Active Towards Others (Luke 10:34-35):**

- The Samaritan's love was shown through action: cleaning wounds, offering transport, and paying for care.
 - Ref: *1 John 3:18, Micah 6:8*

- **Love Your Neighbor (Luke 10:36-37):**

- Jesus challenges us to see our neighbors as anyone in need, regardless of differences (racial, political, socioeconomic, etc.).
 - Ref: *Matthew 22:39, Romans 13:10*

Application from Luke 10:25-37:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Consider Your Neighbor:**

- Reflect on people you might overlook as neighbors: those from different backgrounds and situations.
 - Ref: *Matthew 5:44, Hebrews 13:2*

- **Exhibit Lovingkindness (Hesed) / Unconditional (Agape) Love:**

- Love flows from a heart aligned with God's love.
- Commit to showing steadfast, selfless, and sacrificial love to others.
 - Ref: *James 2:14-17, 1 Peter 4:8*

- **Commit to Doing Good in the Name of Christ:**

- Actively live your faith by showing Christ's love through service and kindness each day.
 - Ref: *Ephesians 5:2, Galatians 6:9*

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