

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

Introduction – Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan has had a profound impact on human history, because it has inspired authentic Christ-followers to see needs and meet them for the sake of Jesus' name. In the story we see two tension points and three lessons.

1. 1ST TENSION POINT – A scholar tests Jesus. *Luke 10:25-28*

- A. Context – Jesus praises God that he has hidden things from the wise and intelligent. 10:21-22
- B. Confrontation – Jesus is questioned by a man who is wise and intelligent. 10:25
- C. Conclusion – Luke reveals the problem with the wise and the intelligent. 10:29a

2. 2ND TENSION POINT – A Samaritan serves like Jesus. *Luke 10:30-37*

- A. A man goes on a dangerous journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. 10:30a
- B. The man is beaten, robbed, stripped and left for dead. 10:30b
- C. By chance, two very likely helpers come down the road. 10:31-32
- D. Finally, a Samaritan comes down the road. 10:33a
- E. The Samaritan performs the essential tasks of a servant. 10:33-35
- F. Jesus concludes with a question and a command.
- G. The main idea of the story: Your neighbor is anyone you see...anyone whose need you can meet.

3. THREE LESSONS – A server fits a very specific profile.

- A. A lesson about the heart: Servers most often come from the ranks of the hurting and the broken.
- B. A lesson about the head: Servers have a very clear theology of suffering.
- C. A lesson about the will: Servers do the right thing when no one is looking.