



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 29th October 2023



Luke 10:25-37 One Good turn?

Warm Up

When was the last time you came across a complete stranger who needed your help? Did you help? Why? What sometimes stops us helping others?

Background and context

This is probably Jesus' most famous parable. Many of us learned it in Sunday School or even performed it in assemblies or in church. It is very familiar to us. This can sometimes lead to complacency in understanding or seeing new things that God wants to show us. The parable is a response to two questions; "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" and "Who is my neighbour?" The parable teaches us some very profound truths.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



Read Luke 10:25-37. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. What can we learn about human nature from the question the expert asks Jesus?
2. Where does Jesus point him to in His response? Why is this important?
3. Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus quotes the same passages (Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18) as the expert (v27). He suggests it is the summary of all the law. The expert knew the truth. How does Jesus' response in v28 trip him up? What is Jesus requiring of the man and us?
4. Read v29. Why does the expert really ask the question? Have you ever been like this when responding to scripture?
5. Why was the parable so outrageous in its day? What lesson was Jesus trying to convey?
6. How does the parable reflect the inner prejudices and attitudes we all have?
7. How is the Samaritan in the parable a picture of a true disciple of Jesus?
8. In what way does the Samaritan point us to Jesus and what He has done for us?



Growing in discipleship: Practical application

9. If Jesus is our "Good Samaritan" why are we sometimes reluctant to let Him pour oil on our wounds?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.