



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of August 28, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text: Luke 10:21-37

21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 22 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." 23 Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it." 25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Discussion Questions

1. The parable of the good Samaritan was given to a man who thought he was good enough to deserve salvation through his works. Why is it important for Christians to understand that only God can save a human soul? How does this understanding affect the way you share the gospel with others?
2. What is the link between loving God and loving our neighbor? How are the two loves intimately connected to one another?
3. The lawyer who questioned Jesus believed that he actually *did* love God with all his heart and so he focuses on the 2nd part of the great commandment and tries to justify himself by asking, “who is my neighbor?” Why do you think so many people in the world believe that they are “good enough”? What does such a belief tell you about their understanding of God?
4. In Jesus’ parable, only the Good Samaritan stops to help his “neighbor”. The priest and the Levite were both very religious men who, like the lawyer, would have claimed to love God. Nevertheless, both men ignored the beaten man on the side of the road. What was Jesus’ point in telling this parable to the lawyer...what lesson was the lawyer supposed to learn?
5. When we share Christ with unbelievers, why is it so important to give them the bad news and ugly consequences of their sin *before* we tell them of God’s love and share with them the beauty and grace of what God has done for them through Jesus? What happens when we switch these ideas around?