



# TBCH: Mother's Day

## THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:25-37

Week of May 14, 2023

**Start at 9:45-9:55**

**Belong:** *Use 5-10 minutes as an opportunity to get to know one another. The questions below are written for people to open-up and to know the group members.*

Take a **few minutes** to hear about your group members' week.

Choose two of the questions below:

- Ask about highs or lows that have happened since the last time you met.
- Or, Give a fun fact about yourself.
- Or, If you could pick up a new skill/ ability in an instant, what would it be?
- **How has God revealed Himself to you this week?**

**9:55-10:05**

**Believe:** *Use 5-10 minutes to read this week's assigned Scriptures then highlight each verse that helps you to understand the passage better. Include the book, chapter and verse(s).*

In today's sermon, Bro. Greg preached on **Luke 10:25-37**. This is the parable of the Good Samaritan. This parable was told as a response to a conversation between Jesus and an expert in the law. Luke tells us that after some back and forth between Jesus and the lawyer, the lawyer finally asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Honestly, this is an important question for all of us even to this day. Through this parable, Jesus helps all of us to understand that God intends for all of us to love Him - with all that we have - and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. What is sometimes difficult for us to comprehend is our neighbor is not necessarily the person we like, BUT the person who is in need. ***This parable should lead us to think about our own motives and priorities in relating to other people.***

**10:05-10:20**

**Build:** *Use about 15 minutes to engage the passage and wrestle with its meaning.*

in **vs. 25**, what question was Jesus asked at the start of the passage?

- What is the lawyer's purpose in asking the question?
- What did the lawyer *assume* about how a person receives eternal life?
- Why do people seem to naturally think that gaining eternal life consists of something we do?

To **what** does Jesus point the man back to answer the question of "inheriting eternal life" "**The Law/ Scripture**" **AND how** does the man answer? [**Deuteronomy 6:5 & Leviticus 19:18**]

- What is the significance of pointing the expert back to Scripture?

In **vs. 29**, he asked Jesus, "And, who is my neighbor?"

- What do you think the lawyer desired when he asked Jesus "who is my neighbor"?
- What is his motive for asking the question?

How does Jesus define "neighbor" and what's the BIG surprise?

10:20–10:35/40

**Become:** Use about 15 minutes to apply what you have read. How can this help me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What is God saying to me?

Consider the original question, **“What must I do to receive eternal life?”** The Bible gives several answers to this question.

- In today's text, the answer is, **“Love the Lord your God ..., and love your neighbor...”**.
- In **Luke 18:18–23**, Jesus says, **“Obey God's commandments..., sell all you have and give the money to the poor, ... then come and follow Me.”**
- In **Acts 16:31**, Paul says, **“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved.”**
- In **John 3:16**, John writes **“Everyone who believes in Him (Jesus) has eternal life.”**
  - Are these different answers or the same answer?
    - If different, then why are they different?
    - If the same, how do you reconcile them?

How do we read this parable...**do we read ourselves in the role of the Good Samaritan?**

- Are we actually more suited for the role of the priest or the Levite?
- How do these different roles challenge our current walk with Christ and how we relate to the community we serve?

Getting involved in our "neighbor's" messiness or another's tragedy can be overwhelming.

- What kinds of circumstances tend to make you feel overwhelmed and hesitant to get involved?

Discuss this quote: **“Let it never be forgotten that what the law demands of us the gospel really produces in us.” Charles Spurgeon**

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10:35/ 10:40 – Class ends at 10:45

**Begin:** Use the last 5–10 minutes for prayer. It's important that we not only hear and discuss God's Word but respond to it. (James 1:22)

**Do you see any of God's attributes in this week's passage that struck out to you?**

**What specifically will you do to apply what we have learned today?**

**At the end of the conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:**

- Spend some group time—sharing requests and praying specifically for them.
- Spend some time praying for FBC and that we would be encouraged and hopeful in how God is working in and through FBC Portland.

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## Additional Resources:

**Blue Letter Bible: Luke 10:** Check out the QR code to learn more.



**Precept Austin: Luke 10:** Check out the QR code to learn more.

