

THE REAL PURPOSE OF 'THE GOOD SAMARITAN'

Luke 10: 25-37

Typical understanding of the parable

- Do good to others
just like the good Samaritan

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He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

Luke 10: 27 -28

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: **this do, and thou shalt live.**

Luke 10: 29

But he, willing to **justify** (*vindicate*) himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

The parable

- A victim of highway robbery
 - a priest saw, a Levite looked,
- Action: Both passed by on the other side

The parable

Enter the Samaritan

- Stranger of the "other class"
 - Stops at risk of personal danger along highway
 - Uses personal resources – oil and wine, vehicle (animal)
 - Open-ended financial commitment to innkeeper for victim
- Go and do likewise!

Purpose of the parable

- Loving our neighbour is impossible to reach by pure human effort

Luke 10:29-35 The lawyer's 'test'

- Eternal life is impossible to reach by pure human effort

JESUS IS
THE ANSWER.



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Show the gospel in action

- In Christ, we can grow in loving God and loving others

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