

The Gospel of Luke / Lesson 18

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37

For Servants,

- Please review the introduction to the Book of Luke and pick some information to focus on.
- It is advisable to have the children take turns in reading the verses so that they get engaged and pay attention. Upon the servant prep. Servant may elect to summarize some verses into a story instead of reading verse by verse.

Memory Verse:

MATTHEW 5:7

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”

LESSON TIME!

Lesson Goal: Jesus wants us to teach love and mercy toward others.

Have you ever had something hard like a baseball or a stick hit you right between the eyes? It sure hurts, doesn't it? After the pain goes away and we gather our senses, we become very focused. The first thing that comes to our mind is how did I let that happen and why was I not more careful? In our lesson today, a lawyer gets smacked right between the eyes with a hard truth. **Jesus wants us to teach love and mercy toward others.**

Sometimes as Christians we become so comfortable and satisfied with our attitude and surroundings that we lose our desire to live a life pleasing to God. We will learn that it is very easy to be religious without having the heart of God towards others as this lawyer did. Let's look at our lesson and see what Jesus teaches this lawyer and us, about having a heart of compassion for others.

LUKE 10:25-26

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

What is a lawyer in Jesus' day?

A Lawyer was an expert in the Law of Moses. His life was dedicated to studying it thoroughly and teaching it to others. This lawyer was very familiar with the Word of God; he would seem like a very religious man if we saw him. He was a man with a lot of head knowledge, but his heart was far from God.

The lawyer had no interest in the truth; he was just looking to start a fight with Jesus. It was his intention to trap and test Jesus. This man's pride made his heart insensitive toward God and others.

Though this man had wrong motives in desiring to trap Jesus, he does ask the greatest question that can be asked, "**What can I do to inherit eternal life?**"

Jesus lovingly turns this lawyer back to God's Word, "**What is written in the Law?**" Through God's Word, this man will see the reflection of his heart. It is important to know what God's Word says, but it is much more important to obey it.

Application:

That is why our Coptic church values the word of God; we read the that during liturgy; and pray with in in Agpeya; we read it in all occasions and liturgical prayers; baskhas.....etc

We also as the children of God should read the word of God [the bible] daily.

LUKE 10:27-28

So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

The lawyer's answer is perfect. If anyone wanted to get to heaven by doing things, this was it. If someone were to perfectly love God with all of his heart, soul, strength and mind, and his neighbor as himself, he would meet God's standard of perfection. Jesus Wanted to show him that it is all about truly Loving God and then everything can follow.

Jesus was pleased with his answer; "Do this, and you will live.

LUKE 10:29

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

The lawyer's response should have been to ask, "How can I do this? I am not able. I need help." But instead of asking Jesus for help, he feels like he is on trial and tries to justify himself against the implications of Jesus' words. He goes on the defensive and raises a legal question to muddy the water, "...who is my neighbor?" In other words, he was asking Jesus who he was responsible for loving.

Because of the religious leaders' manipulation of the Law, they felt that they did not have to love the Gentiles or the Samaritans. They had redefined the meaning of neighbor because they did not want to consider these "heathens" and "half-breeds" neighbors. The Jews hated the Samaritans.

Jesus loved everyone the same, and His love was far deeper and greater than we could ever love on our own. Jesus taught us to love our enemies and have a pure heart just like Him, because He always wanted

us to be Christ-like. [Jesus wants us to teach us love and mercy toward others.](#) When we do this, others will see Jesus living in us.

LUKE 10:30-32

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

"Now by chance a certain **priest** came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. "Likewise, a **Levite**, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.

Most priests lived in Jericho, which was not too far from Jerusalem. When it was their time to serve in the Temple, they would travel to Jerusalem. There was constant traffic between these two cities. The road everyone traveled was known as the Bloody Way. Everyone who traveled it knew of the dangers they would encounter from robbers on this steep and windy road.

Jesus tells a story about an ordinary man, probably Jewish, who had been robbed, beaten, and left for dead. Think about how he looked in that horrible condition. In one minute, his life is in desperate need of someone to show compassion to him.

A priest came along. Surely if you wanted anyone to find you in that condition, it would be a priest. You would think a priest, of all people, would be willing to help someone in need. But this priest ignored his needs and avoided the man in a merciless way. This priest had a great title, with great head knowledge of God's Word and His love and mercy, but only a tiny heart that felt no concern for others. [Jesus wants us to show love and mercy toward others.](#)

Then **a Levite** came to the scene. He was someone who helped the priests in the Temple serving God. And although there was a fellow Jewish man lying on the road in desperate need of help, he did nothing but look at him, passing by on the other side of the road.

To both of these religious men, the wounded man was a problem to be avoided. What a bother it would be to help this hurting man. I do not have time; I have more important things to do. Perhaps these were the thoughts that passed through the minds of these men.

The needs of others bring out various attitudes in us. All too often we just look at a problem or a situation, but we choose to do nothing to help. We see the need that has to be met, but we leave it for someone else to deal with. Both these religious men did nothing. They had no compassion for others.

[Jesus wants us to show love and mercy toward others](#)

Application: Almsgiving

That is why our Coptic church teaches us to care for others; almsgiving is an important thing we could do to help others in need. Next time you come to church ask your parents to give you just a dollar for almsgiving and put it in one of the alms boxes, asking Jesus humbly to accept from you what you have given. Remember not to tell no one; this is just between you and Jesus.

LUKE 10:33-35

"But a certain **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. "So, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

"On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'

Now a Samaritan man came along, a person who was hated by the Jews. The Samaritan showed that he had compassion for this Jewish man in need.

Compassion means to "suffer alongside." It is kind of like putting yourself in someone else's shoes, but it is even stronger than that. It means that you do something about the problems you see other people having. How would you want someone to respond to you in this condition?

The Samaritan put himself in the man's position and demonstrated God's love and mercy to him. He tried to treat him, and took him to a hotel, paid for the hotel stay and for feeding and treating the injured man. He made a big sacrifice giving two days wages to care for the wounded man. Actions speak greater than words. [Jesus wants us to teach us love and mercy toward others.](#)

Do You Know a Good Samaritan?

Ask the children to share if anyone helped them in a time of need.

Give the children an opportunity to share any examples from their lives of when they have been helped out by a "Good Samaritan."

LUKE 10:36-37

"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Jesus made the question simple; He asked, "**Who was the neighbor?**" He was trying to teach this lawyer that everyone near him who is in need is his neighbor. The issue is not who is my neighbor, but whom am I being a neighbor to? Who is it in my life right now that has a need that I can help meet? When was the last time I compassionately met someone else's need?

So basically, our neighbor or our relative is anyone in need of our help. We should be wise. We should love everyone and help everyone

When the lawyer responded to Jesus' question, he could not even say the word Samaritan. He had just been hit right between the eyes with the hard truth. He had failed to live up to God's standard with the heart of love and mercy that God wants us to have for others. Jesus lovingly tells him to "Go and do likewise." Do something! God wants us to respond to others with compassion, to meet their need

This story is a picture of the love Jesus has for us. Like the traveler, we have been left to die in our sin, and we can do nothing to save ourselves. But Jesus, the Good Samaritan, came along and took us to a place of healing.

As Christians, let's not have the heart that this lawyer had. Let us come to the Lord with an attitude that desires to please Him. Jesus wants us to show love and mercy toward others.

Application: Be Kind

Children; let us be kind to each other. How to be kind to each other? Don't mock no one, help everyone.

This Week; help your family [parents and siblings] clean the house; putting the shopping away etc

This week; help a friend in need; in school, in church or in your sports team.....

Revision Questions

How many persons passed by the injured man? 3

Could you name who passed by him? A Priest - a Levite – Samaritan man

Who was the man who really helped the injured man? Samaritan man; the good Samaritan

How much did he spend at the hotel? 2 denarii

Who is my neighbor? Anyone who needs help; I would show Jesus's love and compassion towards them

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer asking the Lord to give each of us compassion for our neighbors

Email to Parents:

Dear Parents,

This week we learned about The Good Samaritan. The theme was "Jesus wants us to teach us love and mercy towards others." We will learn this week that it is not just how we look on the outside that will please God, but the most important thing to God is how we look on the inside. Our hearts must be right before Him and be hearts filled with love and mercy. The story of the Good Samaritan is a great way to teach children the importance that God places on loving others and putting them first. We can say we love God but not have a loving heart. We need to show that we love God by loving others. Have fun learning and applying God's word this week! The section of scripture that we studied was Luke 10:25-37. May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Video Resources

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osfQg4yKtq8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHZkgii-TpQ>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv1E-IHvtoQ&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Ftruewaykids.com%2F

This video does not have a sound; servants you could use this as an activity and have the children tell the story based on what they see in the video; pick a couple of children and have them comment on each part they see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53Pqw20xK10>