

For the week of September 1, 2024

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# Putting Love Into Practice

Final week in the series: The Parables of Jesus

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan is among the most well-known stories in the Bible, yet it is also one of the most challenging to practice. How do we truly love people as we love ourselves, despite how unlovable they may seem to us? We start by loving God and being loved by him.

## Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the priest and Levite passed by the injured man? What keeps you from passing by people in need?
2. Like the Samaritan in the eyes of the Jews, are there people in your life whom you are tempted to dehumanize or view as “other”? How does this hinder your love for them?
3. The Samaritan had compassion that moved him to action. How often do you have compassion for those in need? Does this compassion motivate you to action?
4. What is the connection between the love of God and the love of neighbor?
5. How can we grow in love for others? How could you put this parable into practice this week?