

Luke 10:25-37 | *Cultivating a Heart for Missions*

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25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[c]; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'^[d]"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii^[e] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, I gain nothing.

QUESTIONS

- Opening Sharing Qn:** Have you been on a mission trip before? Share with your CG your mission trip experience. **OR** If you have not been on a mission trip before, recall a time when you helped someone in need, or someone extended his help to you when you are in need. How was the experience?

2. Read Luke 10:25-29. How did Jesus reply when an expert in the law asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit an eternal life?" Why do you think he responded in this way?
3. Read Luke 10:30-35. How did the Good Samaritan help the man who was attacked by the robbers? Why do you think the Priest and Levites did not help?
4. Read Luke 10:36-37 and 1 Corinthians 13:2b. What underlying issues do you think Jesus was likely addressing with the parable of the Good Samaritan?
5. What is the state of your heart? The sermon highlighted 4Ds - Distracted, De-energized, Discouraged or Displaced, that may have numbed, or even hardened, our hearts towards the needs of the world today. Which of the 4Ds do you personally struggle with and why?
6. **Key Application Qn.** How is God speaking to you through today's session? Who is the 'neighbour' might God be placing on your heart? What are you willing to offer to the "neighbour" in need?
7. Where are you willing to GO to make disciples for Christ? What are you willing to let go to say, "Here am I. Send me!"? What will you commit to do, to start cultivating your heart for Missions?

Pray with each other as we seek to cultivate our hearts for Missions.