

Sermon Discussion Guide
Pizza & Wings: A Taste of the Familiar
Week 5: The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37 | June 21, 2020

Big Idea

The Good Samaritan is such a practical and memorable parable reminding us of how to live as Christians. But often we fail at living it out. Some key reasons as to why are apparent as we take a deeper look.

Opening Questions

What did you think about the little “test” that was given to those who were preparing to be pastors? Did the results shock you/how does knowing those results make you feel? How do you honestly think you would do under a similar test?

General Sermon Thoughts/Questions

1. Do you have a favorite parable of Jesus? If so, which one & why is it your favorite? Why do you think Jesus may have taught using parables so often?
2. Can you think of an example you have seen of someone being a Good Samaritan? How do those types of stories make you feel? What qualities allow a person to embrace being a Good Samaritan?

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Luke 10:25-30**. From this section Pastor Steve identified three things that help us understand why the parable exists. What were they? How does knowing this context help us to understand the parable overall?
2. What is the greatest commandment according to Jesus? In thinking about the fact that the Good Samaritan parable is about the greatest commandment, read **Matthew 22:34-40**. What do you suppose is meant by “*all the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments*”? How does this strike you?
3. Now on to the parable itself. Read **Luke 10:30-35**. What are the two reasons as to why we don’t become a good neighbor (good Samaritan) that Pastor Steve identified from these verses? Which of the two prevents *you* from being a good neighbor more often?
4. Going back in the reading, what was the original question from the expert in the law? Read **Luke 10:36-37** What is the question Jesus now asks the expert in the law to answer? How do the two questions differ and how does Jesus’ force a different/healthier perspective? What does Jesus conclude with in the effort to encourage the expert in the law? Jesus presents us with the same encouragement. How do you hope to respond?
5. Pastor Steve concluded with a little more inside information about the “test” in the opening of the sermon. What had they told some of the “test” subjects that they hadn’t told others? What impact did that have on who chose to help the person in need? Do you lean toward having no margin in your life? Do you battle with feelings of always rushing? If so, what can you do to address that?

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon &/or our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to now do?
3. Beyond prayer for each other is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

“Dear Heavenly Father thank you for the masterful and memorable way Jesus teaches! This parable has reminded us of what is most important to your heart and identified some of the key reasons we do not more often succeed at loving others in practical ways as You have modeled for us and called us to do in order to bring glory to Your name. Please help us to be more intentional and sacrificial as You have been toward and for us! Amen.”