

PARABLES, Week 4 The Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37  
April 22, 2018  
**Reading Plan**

### **Sunday-**

Find your seat at a Sunday service and take notes.

### **Monday-**

READ: **Luke 10:25-37**

REFLECT: This story answered the question, "who is my neighbor?" Remembering that the injured man on the road was a Jew, like the Priest and Levite, but the Good Samaritan was different, an enemy, who can you identify with in the story? Who is your neighbor?

PRAY: Lord, help us to be aware of our pride, our self-righteousness. Convict us when we fail to love our neighbors.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "Who is my neighbor?" <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/who-is-your-neighbor-well-who-are-you>

### **Tuesday-**

READ: **Romans 12:15-16**

REFLECT: When is it easy to rejoice or mourn with those around you? When is it a challenge?

PRAY: Father, aid us in obedience to you. Let us "see" the needs of others that you put in our path each day.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

REFLECT: "For such is the nature of true love, that one prefers to weep with his brother, rather than to look at a distance on his grief and to live in pleasure or ease... Let there be such a sympathy among us as may at the same time adapt us to all kinds of feelings." -From John Calvin's commentary on Romans 12

PRACTICE: Who in your life is rejoicing or mourning? How can you come alongside them this week?

**Wednesday-**

READ: **Mark 1:40-43**

REFLECT: God, sending His only Son, has touched all of us in spite of our being unclean to Him. Jesus asks only that we follow him. How can we be like Jesus in this story for those he puts in our path?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, as we read and re-read the stories of Jesus' love and compassion for us, let us learn deeply from the example he sets for us. Jesus, please give us the desire and the strength to follow you and be more like you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

PRACTICE: Be a good neighbor today! Take a moment to pray and ask God who you can "touch" via an encouraging word, gesture of kindness or act of generosity. Ask God for wisdom and courage.

**Thursday-**

READ: **Luke 10:35**

REFLECT: The Samaritan interrupted his plans and paid for the care of the beaten man. Why?

PRAY: Pray a prayer to God that would enable you to see into your own heart. Pray that you may respond like the Samaritan- to see and act when there is opportunity.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: "The Homeless Veteran and the Good Samaritan"

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-homeless-veteran-and-the-good-samaritan/>

READ: "True Compassion Will Cost Us", <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/true-compassion-will-cost-us>

**Friday-**

READ: **John 4:7-9**

REFLECT: The Gospel of John teaches us that even in Jesus' day, prejudice was a part of life. How does Jesus' use of a Samaritan (and a woman) in this story teach us so much?

PRAY: Lord, help us to feel what we know: our hatred and fear of others is an offense to you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: The Story of Peter and Cornelius (**Acts 10:1- 11:18**)

REFLECT: <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/what-god-has-cleansed-do-not-call-common>

## **Saturday-**

Build Your Time with God Today!

Here are some suggestions:

- Review your time with God this week and spend a few minutes **journaling a prayer** of praise for who He is, of confession for areas in your life needing His transformation, of thanks for what He has done and of needs for what He can do.
- Review the Scriptures you read this week by listening to them on a Bible app or website.
- Check out a whoisgrace playlist on Spotify and spend some time in worship