



**LIFE GROUP
STUDY GUIDE**

**LIFE
STORY**

**THE STORY OF THE (NOT-SO) RANDOM
NEIGHBOUR**

Luke 10:25-37



READ

Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

25And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” 29But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

31Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

36Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” 37He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?

What details stand out to you?

What was the motivation of the lawyer when he asked his question?

What is the difference between the Pharisee, the Levite, and the Samaritan?



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended this story to be in Scripture?

Why do you think Jesus needed to include identities of the passers-by (Pharisee, Levite, Samaritan)?

What does it mean to show mercy to another?

Is there a connection between loving God and loving others? (see 1 John 4:7-21)



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Who do you think is your neighbour?

What will doing mercy for that neighbour look like?

How do we try to be like the lawyer and 'justify ourselves'?

WHAT CAN I DO?

What can you do this week to show mercy to another person?

Is there a specific direction that you perceive the Holy Spirit is directing you towards?

PRAYER

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?