



Teach & Talk Study Guide

Session One: The Person Who Is In Need

Use the following **Study Guide** and **Discussion Questions** in your Community Groups.
Encourage others in your group to download these notes at abundantlifebaltimore.com/resources.

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26He said unto him, **What is written in the law? how readest thou?** 27And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.** 29But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

30And Jesus answering said, **A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.** 31And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.”**

Luke 10:25-37

The Lawyer

- An expert in the Law of Moses
- Lawyer's first question: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
 - Lawyer's answer: "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 love your neighbor as yourself."
 - Matthew 22:37-40
- Lawyer's second question: "Who is my neighbor?" = "Who do I have to love?"
 - Jesus responds with the story of the "Good Samaritan"
 - No "limit" that can be put on who is considered to be your neighbor

The Good Samaritan

- Story of the Good Samaritan
 - The priest and the Levite pass by the man in need
 - Exodus 23:4; Deuteronomy 22:1-4
 - The Samaritan helps the man in need
- Four actions of the Samaritan
 - The Samaritan **had compassion** → he showed forth concern coupled with action
 - The Samaritan **went toward** the man → he went toward the need instead of moving away from it
 - The Samaritan **bandaged the wounds that he identified**, pouring on oil and wine → he took time to assess the need and respond to it accordingly
 - The Samaritan **selflessly gave** of his time, energy, resources, possessions

Application

- Giving of ourselves is *Apostolic*
 - Acts 2:44-47
 - Acts 4:32-35
- The difference in two questions:
 - "Who is my neighbor?" → *Neighbor* is a NOUN
 - "Which one was neighbor to him who fell among thieves?" → *Neighbor* is a VERB

Small Group Discussion Guide

*The questions below are options for group leaders to help facilitate discussion.
You may use all or some of the questions as needed based on the needs of the group.*

1. What can we learn from the response of the priest and Levite? Can you relate to the way they responded to the man in need?
2. We may not be willing to rob and assault someone (i.e. as the thieves did in the parable), but are we ever willing to neglect the person who has been hurt (i.e. as the priest and Levite did)? Is overlooking one's pain as harmful as being the one who inflicted the pain?
3. Is there anyone in your path who is dying spiritually? Who is in need around you that you could help? Keep in mind, this includes a variety of needs---physical, emotional, spiritual, etc.

Let's revisit the four actions that the Samaritan took when helping the man in need:

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4. Can you think of a time in your life when you were concerned for a person, but you didn't act on your concern? What was the outcome in that situation?
5. The Samaritan went toward the person in need. It is only by getting "up close and personal" in this way that the Samaritan was able to better see and assess where the man was hurting and what kind of help that he needed. Why is this significant? How can we apply that attitude in our own lives?
6. The Samaritan had tools on-hand to help meet the man's needs. He had oil, wine, bandages, and an animal. What "tools" do you possess that can be significant in helping someone else who is in need, bound by sin, dealing with hurts, etc.?
7. God has blessed us so that we can bless others. He has entrusted us with time, energy, resources, and possessions to be good stewards; and good stewards are givers. What kind of a difference could Christians make in our world if we lived out this Biblical mindset?
8. Who is your neighbor?