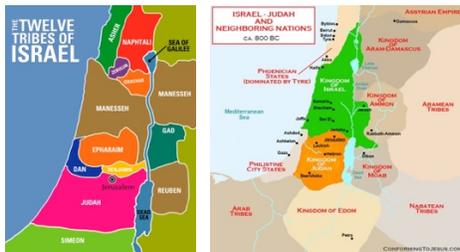


## Lesson 24 Handout – Good Samaritan

**Luke 10:25** On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**29** But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”



**Luke 10:30** In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

**31** A priest (a religious Jew who knew the Law) 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, (a non Jew – A Gentile – a person hated by the Jews) 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, took him to an inn and took care of him.

**35** The next day he took out two silver coins 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.’

**Jill Briscoe - Sometimes we think we can measure the love we have for God by the feeling we have as we pray or sing a psalm or a hymn in church.**

**Not necessarily. Jesus says, "I want to know about the man in the ditch. I want to know if you're involved yet. I want to know if you got down off your evangelical donkey and got alongside the man in the ditch."**

**If you're still on your high religious horse riding past trouble, or, like the priest and the Levite, running to Bible studies or church meetings, too busy for the man in the ditch, then**

**Don't say you love God.**

Our love for God is shown when we care for the person in the ditch.

**Time.**

The pregnant teenager that one night has changed her life forever.

SOMEONE STOPPED AND HELPED AND LOVED THEM WHEN THEY WERE IN A DITCH.

Your next door neighbor living in a homosexual lifestyle.

Jesus was able to love these people and yet still hold on to His beliefs. So can you. Even when it's messy.

Maybe what your neighbor needs most is your love and compassion.

That will be a conversation AFTER you have shown him the love of Christ.

That will be a conversation WHEN the Holy Spirit opens that door and prepares your neighbor for that.

**Run to instead of run from.**

Someone robbed of their reputation because of gossip.

It's easier to believe gossip than to seek out the truth.

**My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive**

**I become. I am nobodies friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments, wreck marriages, and ruin careers -- cause sleepless nights, heartaches, and indigestion. I spawn suspicion and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses... I make headlines and headaches.**

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself, Is it true? Is it fair? Is it necessary? If not - shut up!

The person robbed of by cancer.

The woman robbed of her husband by another woman.

**It will cost us.**

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**Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, (while we were in a ditch bleeding to death) Christ died for us. (Jesus found us in the ditch and did something about it)**

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He stopped (he befriended him) he took time out of his busy schedule to care.

He approached him, not avoiding him, not afraid to make eye contact. We have got to learn to, "Walk slowly through the crowd."

He got down where he was, this was the only way he could see his need and know how to help.

He picked him up, he didn't leave him in the same condition as he found him.

He took him. He didn't just tell him where to go or send him to get help but instead he took him himself.

**He provided for him.**

Unless we choose to get involved in someone's life in a loving way - they may never come to know Jesus who loves them.

**Jesus says:**

**Matthew 5:43-44**

**43 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'**

**44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,**

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Hearing the Word of God and doing the Word of God.

**John 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

**Galatians 5:14**

**14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."**

**1 John 3:17**

**17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?**

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**Luke 10:25** 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'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " **28** "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Do those two things with perfection and you will get to heaven...

Oh but wait - you have never done that to perfection and you never will...

**Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

**Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**You can never be good enough to acquire eternal life on your own.**

**We can do nothing on our own. We are in a ditch with nobody to help us.**