

The One Who Had Compassion Luke 10:25–37

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- When you encounter someone on a street corner or freeway offramp with a sign asking for help, how do you respond? What do you typically think and feel in those situations?
- *Read Luke 10:25–37.* How would you title this episode in Luke?
- What motivates the expert in the law to ask his first question? What about his second question? Why does Jesus answer with a story?
- In Jesus' story, what is the setting? What happens to the traveler? Describe his condition.
- Who comes upon the traveler first? How does he fulfill or fall short of expectations we have of him? How is the second man and his encounter with the traveler similar and/or different?
- Who emerges as the protagonist or "hero" in the story? In what sacrificial acts does he engage to care for the traveler? How might the lawyer have reacted to this unexpected plot twist?
- As Jesus concludes his story, how does he reframe the lawyer's question and the answer required?
- How are we like the traveler in the story, and how is Jesus like the "Good Samaritan"?
- Can you identify with the priest and Levite in Jesus' story? What keeps you from showing compassion to others in need?
- Who is God revealing to you to be your neighbor whom you must love? What is one concrete step you can take this week toward showing them compassion? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?