



Week 6 - Luke 10:27: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart... and love your neighbor as yourself"

A parable is a sort of “It’s like this” story.

Jesus told this parable because a man asked him a question. The question was: “I know I am to love my neighbor, but who is my neighbor?” Jesus said, knowing your neighbor and loving your neighbor, is “Like this”. You will see that in Jesus’ story, a priest and a Levite (a kind of Temple teacher) forget who their neighbor is, but a Samaritan (a man from a foreign country) remembers.

Here is the way Jesus tells this parable: “Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.”

After the story, Jesus asks: “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The man answers: “The one who had mercy on him.” I think you would agree too. Jesus says, “Go and do likewise.”

So Jesus expects us to love our families and friends, but also to love strangers who need us. Jesus expects us to cross over and help, not to walk past on the other side. To act “like this” - like the Good Samaritan.

Maze - Puzzle

Three men enter the maze and follow a path. Find the man who goes to help the injured man. Discover the paths the other two men take.

