



The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

Something to Start Us Off

- Have you ever been helped by someone that you didn't know? What happened in that situation?

Something to Notice

- Who asks Jesus the initial question in v.25?
- What prompts him later in v.29 to ask, "And who is my neighbor?"
- Jesus gives a final command in v.37. What is it?

Something to Understand

Bible Trivia: The Good Samaritan story is unique to Luke. It doesn't appear in the other Gospels.

The questioner's answer is from a combination of Deut. 6:5 (in the *Shema* of 6:4-9) and Lev. 19:18. Jesus put these same two commandments together in Matt. 22:34-40 and Mark 12:28-34.

A *denarius* was one day's wage for a worker, so two *denarii* (v.35) would of course be double that.

- What do we know about the relations between Jews and Samaritans? Why do you suppose that is a significant bit of background for this story?
- Do you place any significance on the fact that the two men in the story who "passed by on the other side" were a priest and a Levite? Why might that matter?
- In v.33, Jesus tells us what motivated the Samaritan's actions. Do you think our motivation is important in what we do? Why or why not?

Something to Take Home

- In what ways can we act as a "neighbor" to people we do not even know?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 10:25-37 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?