

**DAY 4 Read Luke 10:36-37 as if Jesus is talking directly to You.**

The answer to Jesus' question seems obvious – is it to you? What does it mean for you to show mercy in this situation? Why does Jesus put such a high premium on mercy and tell you to “go and do the same?” Meditate on Titus 3:3-7 about God's mercy on you and pray for a heart that is mercy-full.

**DAY 5 Read Luke 10:30-35 and Describe Yourself as each Character in the Story...**

- Like the Jewish Traveler, I
- Like one of those Bandits, I
- Like that Priest and Temple Assistant, I
- Like the Samaritan, I
- Like the Inn Keeper, I
- Like a Person who gets the point, I now



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Part 11

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**“Breaking Bad Religion like a Good Samaritan”**

**Luke 10:25-37**

*“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.”* Luke 9:23 NLT

*“We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next-door neighbor.”* --G.K. Chesterton

*“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”* Matt.5:7 NLT

The Jesus Set Up....

*“One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” The man answered, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”* Luke 10:25-29 NLT

## The Jesus Story...

*“Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”*

Luke 10:30-37 NLT

### Steps to Breaking Bad Religion as a Good Neighbor

1. Steer clear of the religion trap – you will get caught.
2. Self-Justification gets you nowhere – make a U-turn now.
3. Slow down long enough to be merciful.
4. Stop and answer the question: Who is My neighbor?
5. See Yourself in this Story.

*“But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace, he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”*

Titus 3:4-7 NLT

## DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE \_\_\_\_\_ Mar.14-19, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

### DAY 1 Read Luke 10:25-29 as if you were this Expert in Religious Law.

Why are you testing Jesus here and what’s your real question? Does Jesus response surprise you and what’s your answer? (Where did you get that answer?) What is your response to Jesus telling you that you’re right and just do that? Why are you asking the “neighbor question?” Pray for a humble heart that really seeks Jesus and His will for your life.

**DAY 2 Read Luke 10:25-29 as if you were Jesus. (We know you’re not, but try)** How does it feel to you to know this is just a test or a trap by this religious leader? What are you trying to get this guy to see (or those listening) about his religious beliefs? It sounds like you’re saying, “Exactly! Just do that and you’ll be fine.” – Is that what you’re saying? How have you been setting this whole scene up rather than him and what do I need to see here? Pray for a heart of understanding.

### DAY 3 Read Luke 10:30-35 as if you were a Jewish Person.

How might this story impact you at a different level being a Jewish person hearing it? How does this Parable describe a very real situation in your day traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho? What are you thinking when Jesus makes the Samaritan the hero of the story and why? What’s the main point Jesus wants you to understand from this story? What did you walk away with? Pray for practical steps from this story from Jesus. →