



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Like a Good Neighbor”

Points from Sunday’s Message

- Point 1 - The law demands perfect love.
- Point 2 - The Enemy was defeated.
- Point 3 - The Enemy will be overcome.

Key Verse:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

— Luke 10:27

Discussion Questions:

1. The Motive Behind the Question

Questions: The lawyer asks, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” and later tries to justify himself. Why do you think the lawyer was more focused on justifying himself than actually understanding truth? In what ways do we sometimes approach God with the same mindset?

Further Reading: Romans 3:20–24, Galatians 2:16

2. Loving God vs. Knowing About God

Questions: The lawyer correctly answers the law—love God and love your neighbor—but Jesus exposes that knowing isn’t the same as doing. What’s the difference between knowing the right answers spiritually and actually living them out? Where do you see that tension in your own life?

Further Reading: James 1:22–25

3. Redefining “Neighbor”

Questions: The lawyer asks, “Who is my neighbor?” but Jesus flips it to “Who acted like a neighbor?” How does Jesus’ response challenge the way we define who deserves our love or attention? Who might be a “hard-to-love neighbor” in your life right now?

4. Compassion vs. Convenience

Questions: The priest and Levite had reasons to pass by, but the Samaritan was moved with compassion and acted sacrificially. Think about your current weekly rhythm—where might God be calling you to interrupt your schedule to show compassion? What would it actually cost you?

Further Reading: Philippians 2:3–5

5. The Heart Behind the Action

Questions: Pastor Miles emphasized that this isn’t just about behavior modification but about a transformed heart that produces compassion. Why is it possible to do “good things” without actually having a loving heart? How can you tell the difference in your own life?

6. Gospel Transformation

Question: We can’t meet the law’s demand for perfect love on our own—only Christ can transform our hearts. How does the gospel change the way we approach loving others? What is one specific step you can take this week to love someone out of a transformed heart, not obligation?

Further Reading: Ezekiel 36:26–27, 1 John 4:7–11

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.