

Radical Love Love Generously

Luke 10:25-37

Getting Started...

When you were growing up was there anyone that you despised or was an "enemy" to you? Who was it and why? Was there a school bully?

Is there anyone that you would consider an "enemy" to you today? Maybe it is someone who is mean to you or someone that you struggle to forgive? Or maybe it is someone that if you saw them in a store you would run and hide?

Going Deeper...

Read Luke 10:25-37

Does the lawyer (expert in the Law) seem to think that he has passed the test in verse 28-29? What evidence can you point to?

Place yourself in the text. You ask Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life. And He asks you, "What is written in God's Word, how do you understand it?" What would your reply be?

Now take it one step further. You ask Jesus, "What must I do to be loved by you?" And He replies, "What is written in God's Word, how do you understand it?" What would your reply be? Use scripture to support your answer.

One more step. You ask Jesus, "What must I do to love you?" And He replies, "What is written in God's Word, how do you understand it?" What is your reply? Use Scripture to support your answer.

In verse 28 Jesus mentions orthodoxy (right thinking) and orthopraxy (right living). Why is it so critical that the two go together? Which one do you think the Lawyer was focused on? What is the danger of focusing on one while neglecting or diminishing the other?

The lawyer's reply in (27) is technically correct. However, in (29) we see that the lawyer really wanted Jesus to "justify" that he had done a good job and in so doing had already earned his place in eternity. Why don't loving God, loving people, and justifying yourself work well together?

How might one justify the actions of the priest and the Levite in this parable? (Read: Lev. 21:1-3; Num. 19:11-22)

Given the division between Jews and Samaritans (Read John 4) what is unusual about the plot twist here? What point do you think Jesus is trying to make?