

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – The Good Samaritan

Read Luke 10: 30-37

Ask the class to tell the story of the Good Samaritan or read it together from Luke 10:25-37.

- Who challenged Jesus?
- What are the two great commandments?
- How does Jesus define "neighbor"?
- Who is our neighbor?
- Is the Good Samaritan another way of showing the Golden Rule in action?
- What kind of story does Jesus tell the lawyer? (parable)
- Look at the characters in the story: the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, the man who was beaten.
 - Who might these people be today?
 - What if the injured person were someone from a different ethnic group than you? Would you stop to help?
 - Why do you think the two Jews walked away from him?
 - Describe the Samaritan.
 - Why was it so unusual for him to stop and tend to the man's wounds?
 - What if the injured man was from Israel? The United States?
 - And what if the Samaritan were a Palestinian? Iraqi?
 - Would you expect the man from Palestine (Iraq) to stop and help?
 - What did the lawyer learn from this parable?
 - What lessons did you learn from this parable?
 - How can we all express more compassion and care for one another?
 - Does loving your neighbor as yourself help explain the Golden Rule?
 - Why is it important for us to be willing to help others?