

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 20, 2008

Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Memory Passage: Galatians 6:10

**TODAY:** *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:25-28.** Who stood up to ask Jesus a question? Why was he asking this (also Matthew 22:35)?
- (b) What was a common characteristic of these lawyers (Luke 11:46)? Are we sometimes like this?
- (c) What important question does he ask? What is strange about the answer Jesus gives?
- (d) What does the law tell us all (Romans 3:19; 3:23)? Was it possible for a man to be saved by keeping the law (Galatians 2:21)? Why not (Galatians 3:10-12)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 10:25-28 and Galatians 2:21. Can a person get to heaven by being good to others? What is required for eternal life? Who can do this? Why do we need a savior? Spend some time praising God for giving us a savior like Jesus.

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:25-28 again.** What did the lawyer answer Jesus? How is this a correct answer?
- (b) Think about the requirement: do you know anyone who loves God with all his mind, soul, heart and strength? Do you know anyone who always loves his neighbor as himself? What was Jesus showing him?
- (c) Read Mark 12:28-34. Here Jesus gives a similar explanation to a different question. What was the question? What does Jesus add to the obvious answer (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18)?
- (d) To what does this scribe compare loving God and our neighbor (Mark 12:33)? What does God desire from us (Matthew 9:13; Matthew 12:7)? How does Paul speak about this in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3?
- (e) What is the connection between loving God and loving others (1 John 3:16-19; 1 John 4:20-21)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 10:25-28 and 1 John 4:20-21. Talk about the importance of loving others as believers. Why is it easier to love others when we are in a right relationship with God? Can we do this perfectly? Pray about how you can show God's love to someone specifically this week.

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:29-35.** Re-tell the parable in your own words. Who are the major characters in the parable? What would be the surprising (maybe even upsetting!) element to Jewish listeners?
- (b) What question had the lawyers asked Jesus? Why did he ask this? Have you ever had a situation when someone did this when you gave them an answer to their question when you were sharing the gospel?
- (c) Who were the first two that found the man? Why might they have avoided him (Leviticus 21:1-4)? What other reasons might they have had? Put yourself in their situation. What reasons might you have for passing by?
- (d) Read James 4:17. What does James tell us is sin? How does this apply to loving our neighbors? How does this apply to loving those within the church (Galatians 6:10)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 10:29-35 and Galatians 6:10. What excuses have you heard for not helping others in need? Are any of these legitimate (e.g. 2 Thessalonians 3:10)? Talk together about how you can help a specific person in need this week. Pray that you can show this person God's love by your actions.

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 10:29-35 again.** Who does stop to help the man? What is surprising about this (John 4:9)?
- (b) What does he do for the man? What motivated him (Luke 10:33)? Compare this to why Jesus often responded to people in times of need (Luke 7:13; Mark 8:2; Matthew 9:36; Matthew 14:14; Matthew 15:32; Matthew 20:34)?
- (c) What shows that his love goes beyond the minimum and that he really cared? How is this an expression of the kind of love Jesus called for in Matthew 7:12 (Romans 13:8-10)?
- (d) How is the love of God toward us in salvation like the love of this Samaritan (Romans 5:6-8)?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 10:29-35 and Romans 5:6-8. Who are we supposed to love? How did God demonstrate that kind of love to us? How does the Samaritan love in this way? Pray that your heart might be filled with God's love toward others.

**DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) **Read Luke 10:36-37**. What was the lawyer's question at the beginning? How did Jesus turn that question around? How would you re-phrase that question for us today?

(b) What impact will loving others have on us (Proverbs 14:21; 14:31; Proverbs 11:25; Proverbs 19:17; Psalm 41:1-2; John 13:7; Luke 6:32-36)?

(c) Also read Isaiah 58:7-12 and note the promises God gives to those who care for others.

(d) What impact will it have on others (John 13:34-35)? If we don't actively love others, what does that say about us (Matthew 5:43-48)?

(e) *Family*: Read Luke 10:36-37 and John 13:34-35 and talk about the impact our love can have on others. Pray for someone who is not a believer that they might see the wonderful love of Jesus even in your own life.

**DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**

**READ THE PASSAGE**

*Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* Read Luke 10:25-37. What does the law require of us if we wish to inherit eternal life? How can we ever do this? What did Jesus do to provide eternal life for us? Think about the people you came in contact with last week. Did you display the love of Christ to them in some way? Pray for tomorrow's services that the love of the Lord might be clear and that the gospel might be presented.

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***Caring for Others***

*“Let us do good to all men, especially to the household of faith.”*