

Reflection Questions: Luke 10:25-37

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

INTRODUCTION

Pray. Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Read the Scripture text: Luke 16:1-15

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- What do you make of the question the lawyer asked in verse 25? Good question or not? What is he assuming? How would you answer that question if someone asked you?
- In his challenge to Jesus, the expert in the law wanted to limit who is neighbor was when he asked, "Who is my neighbor?" But Jesus reframes the question in verse 36. In light of what Jesus said, what is Jesus after here?
- How does this text help us to understand our personal stories in the light of God's story of redemption? In other words, how do we see in Jesus the "Great Samaritan" who demonstrated sacrificial love for us?
- How does this text show you your need for the cleansing, renewing, transforming grace of God?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- What kind of community is this text calling us to become for the sake of the world? In other words, how does this text form our identity to live out and proclaim the gospel of Jesus?
- What is the cost if we are not transformed by this text? In other words, what is lost if we ignore the message?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- What is the connection between followers of Jesus loving our city in its need and the mission of Jesus?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?