

**Mister Samaritan's**  
**Neighborhood**



# The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others



**Luke 10: 25** On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

**26** “**What is written in the Law?**” he replied. “**How do you read it?**”

**27** He answered, “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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**Luke 10: 28** “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “**Do this** and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “**And who is my neighbor?**”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

**Luke 10:** 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

**Luke 10: 35** The next day he took out two denarii [e] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “**The one who had mercy on him.**”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”





Jesus makes an obvious  
connection  
between “eternal life” and  
loving service.

The bridge between eternal life  
and service  
is the Law of Moses.

Loving service is not an event.  
It's a way of life.

How do YOU  
read the Law?



**Who is your neighbor?**

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Who is your neighbor?

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“Fellow” (the other)



Who is your neighbor?

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“**Lover**” (Hosea 3:1)

Who is your neighbor?

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Resident alien (Lev. 19:18)

Who is your neighbor?

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God (Exodus 33:11)

In Luke 10, the “neighbor” is not  
the victim.

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The neighbor is the one who cared  
for the victim (Samaritan)

In Hebrew, “neighbor” (רַע) shares the same letter combination as “evil” (רַע)

How do YOU  
read the Law?

Rule of Community:

“You shall love the sons of light and hate all the sons of darkness.”

Will you be a neighbor only to  
those who are  
good/acceptable or will you  
include those you despise  
(your enemy)?



When you are a neighbor to  
your enemy you come to a  
deeper knowledge of God's  
love for you.

**Romans 5: 8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, **while we were God's enemies**, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

For the lawyer, and Luke's readers,

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the Samaritan does what God  
does.



The obstacle for the priest and  
Levite was not purity laws.

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Their obstacle, and ours, is  
selfishness.

The priest and Levite asked themselves, “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?”

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They should have asked, “What will happen to him if I don’t help this man?”

**Matthew 25: 37** “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and **feed** you, or thirsty and **give** you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and **invite** you in, or needing clothes and **clothe** you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to **visit** you?’ 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, **you did for me.**’

Where is Jesus in the story of the  
Good Samaritan?

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**Jesus is the victim.**







Like a good  
neighbor  
you and I should  
be there (no  
matter what).



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