



THE PARABLES

A 12-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Week 8 – Loving Others (Sunday, June 28, 2026) *True Neighbor Love*

Introductory Remarks

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus redefines what it means to truly love our neighbor. Instead of limiting compassion to people who are similar, familiar, or deserving, Jesus teaches that genuine love crosses social, cultural, racial, and personal boundaries. The Samaritan interrupted his own plans, sacrificed his resources, and cared for a wounded stranger whom others ignored. His actions demonstrate that love is not merely a feeling or belief but a willingness to act compassionately when others are hurting. This parable challenges us to examine who we overlook, avoid, or quietly judge. It also reminds us that loving others often requires inconvenience, humility, and sacrifice. True discipleship is reflected not only in what we believe about God, but also in how we treat people created in His image.

Lesson Outline

- Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37)
- More on Love and Hatred (1 John 3: 11–24)

Key idea: Love crosses boundaries and costs something.

Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus intentionally made the Samaritan the hero of the story?
2. What excuses do people commonly use to avoid helping others?
3. How does true compassion usually require inconvenience, sacrifice, or risk?
4. Who are the “Samaritans” in our culture today — people we may be tempted to avoid, judge, or overlook?
5. Have you ever experienced unexpected kindness from someone? How did it affect you?
6. What practical step can you take this week to better love someone outside your normal circle?





Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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’^[a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b]”

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. 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. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] 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.”

Footnotes

- a. [Luke 10:27](#) Deut. 6:5
- b. [Luke 10:27](#) Lev. 19:18
- c. [Luke 10:35](#) A denarius was the usual daily wage of a day laborer (see Matt. 20:2).

1 John 3:11-24

More on Love and Hatred

¹¹ For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters,^[a] if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God’s commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

