



The Merciful Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37

1. Read verses 25-29. What do these verses reveal about the expert in the law and Jesus?
2. What do you know about the history between the Jews and Samaritans? Why did the Jews consider the Samaritans social outcasts?
 - a. The Samaritans derive from Abraham and the 12 tribes of Israel, but they split off into the Northern Kingdom of Israel while the Jews were with the Southern Kingdom. You can imagine it similar to the tensions of the North and South in the Civil War.
3. What do you know about the priests and the temple assistants (Levites)? How would you describe the present and temple assistant in the parable?
4. What words would you use to describe the Samaritan in the parable?

5. In what ways do you see yourself in the parable? In what ways do you see Jesus?
6. Based on the parable, how would you answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?"
7. What's your takeaway from this passage?

