

Session



Personal Study Guide

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

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Introduction

? What comes to mind when you hear the word *mercy*?

? What are some practical ways to show mercy?

1. Godward Affections (Luke 10:25-33)

? All people have the capacity to show compassion, even if they are not followers of Jesus. So, how should Christian compassion differ from worldly compassion?

? Application: What place do feelings or affections have in your spiritual life? Do they have too important a place? Do you ignore them altogether? What would it look like to have your affections rightly ordered?

2. More Than a Feeling (Luke 10:34-35)

? How did the Samaritan act in accordance with his compassion? Why is it important that followers of Jesus act in line with the things of God and not only hold them inside?

? Application: What are ways you look to serve others? Are you willing to forgo your plans and needs in order to meet the needs of someone else? Are you more often concerned about showing mercy or being productive?

3. The Blazed Trail (Luke 10:36-37)

? How have we been shown mercy by God?



Application: How do good works of mercy, grace, and compassion adorn the gospel that you claim to believe? What needs to change?

Conclusion



Are you a merciful person? What opportunities have you had recently to show mercy? Did you? Why or why not?



If you lack mercy, what practical steps can you take in order to become more compassionate and merciful?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Luke 10:1-12
- Tuesday - Luke 10:13-16
- Wednesday - Luke 10:17-20
- Thursday - Luke 10:21-24
- Friday - Luke 10:25-37
- Saturday - Luke 10:38-42

Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"

All have sinned: Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8

There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23 & John 3:18

You cannot save yourself: Titus 3:5 & James 2:10

Salvation has been provided: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, & John 14:6

The conditions are simple: *Repent* - Luke 13:3, *Confess* - 1 John 1:9 & Romans 10:9, *Believe* - Acts 16:31

Now is the time for a decision: Joshua 24:15 & 2 Corinthians 6:2

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians. Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).