

What is grace? We're learning that grace is undeserved blessing. Okay, but what does that mean? What's it look like? On Wednesdays this month, we're looking at faces of grace—examples of people in the Bible who gave and received grace. This week, Jesus' parable of The Good Samaritan.

Can you find **Luke 10** in your Bible? One day, Jesus was asked a really good question by a lawyer.

"Teacher, what shall I \_\_\_\_\_ to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25)

Jesus responded with a question of his own...

"What is written in the Law? How do \_\_\_\_\_ read it?" (Luke 10:26)

...and the lawyer gave a really great answer:

"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 \_\_\_\_\_ as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

But what does it really **mean** to "love your neighbor as yourself," and "who is my neighbor?" To help us answer those important questions, Jesus told a simple story in **Luke 10:30-37**. Let's read it together.

Who loved his neighbor as himself? The \_\_\_\_\_\_, someone that Jews would have "no dealings with" (John 4:9; 8:48). But that Samaritan



"had compassion" and "showed mercy" to the man in need, a great example of **undeserved blessing**.

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Why didn't the priest and the Levite stop to help the man in need? Can you guess why they might choose to just "pass by on the other side"?
- "But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him..." We heard about how Jews usually treated these people. What would have been easy for this Samaritan to think or do?
- But, "he had compassion."
  What's compassion?
- The Samaritan was "the one who showed him mercy." Did that beaten-up man deserve anything from this Samaritan?
- Luke 10:37 has probably the most important sentence of all for this evening: "You go, and do likewise." Where might we have opportunities to do what this Samaritan did?
- A few weeks ago we read Romans 5:6. What has Jesus done to be just like that good Samaritan for all of us?