

Luke 10:25-37

1. An Important question - how can I gain eternal life?

- Dishonest question - test Jesus
 - What must I DO?
 - Love God
 - Love your neighbour
 - *Lingering question* - has this man really met the requirements of the law?
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2. Wrong - follow up question...

- Should have asked - how can anyone find eternal life IF they have FAILED to love God and their neighbour perfectly.
 - This man wanted to justify himself
 - Right with God on his own merit
 - He wants to lower God's standards
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3. The Story - a good Samaritan

- Shocking Story
 - Man beaten
 - Two religious men pass by
 - Jews and Samaritans hate each other
 - Samaritan takes:
 - Pity
 - Lavishes kindness
 - At great cost to Himself
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3. The Story - a good Samaritan

- Who is the neighbour?
- Go and do likewise

Unmasked question - have you done this?

- Ready to admit you can't earn eternal life
- Wider Context
 - 10:22 Salvation revealed
 - 10:25-37 You can't earn it
 - 10:38-42 One thing is needed - Jesus

Unmasked question - have you done this?

- The only person who have ever perfectly loved like the Samaritan is Jesus
- Jesus is the real good Samaritan
- Seen in how He loved us.

4. True Love

- Heart transformed by Jesus will be moved to love others
 - Heart that love to earn salvation is not loving genuinely
 - fake love
 - Defines who is worthy of my love
 - will be judgemental
 - will impose limits
 - will be proud
 - Check out the Pharisees!
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4. True Love

- A heart transformed
- love flows from a love shown to them
- LOVE is NOT...
 - Limited in who they love
 - It disregards race, politics, class and religion
 - limited by time
 - it gives as is necessary
 - judgemental
 - it recognises but for the grace of God
 - limited in what it does
 - It gives at great cost

4. True Love

- How will you move towards?
- How might you greet?
- Who might you greet?
- How might you engage in a thoughtful conversation with them?
- Are you looking for the good in them?
- How might you serve them?

