

A Friend Loves at all Times

Lesson Text: Luke 10:30-35 (The Story of the Good Samaritan)

Key Verse: Proverbs 17:17a "A friends loveth at all times".

Lesson Application: To teach that true friends give themselves for their friend.

Lesson Introduction: Ask for testimonies of experiences where a class member helped someone in need.

OUR LESSON

The story is set on the road to Jericho. This road was known as a place where robbers often attacked people. It was a winding road with large rocks by the side of the road making it an ideal place for robbers to hide and wait for unsuspecting travelers. Because of this, many travelers journeyed along this road in groups and at all costs tried to avoid using it at night. Sometimes, however, this was not possible and people had to chance making the journey alone. That appears to have been the case with the four individuals involved in this account.

A Jewish man traveled from Jerusalem to Jericho along the dangerous Jericho Road. As he was going, some thieves grabbed him, ripped off his clothes, and beat him. They then ran away with his clothes and money, leaving him half naked and almost dead in the road.

A short time later, a priest passed that way. When he saw the man, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed by him.

A Levite, one of the priests' helpers, also came by. He walked over to the man, looked at him, and then went on his way.

Last came a Samaritan. The Jews did not like the Samaritans. But this Samaritan had pity on the hurt man. He went up to him, put healing oil and wine on his cuts, and bandaged them up. Then he helped the man onto his own donkey and took him to an inn. He spent the night caring for the man.

The one who did help turned out to be a Samaritan. The rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans was so strong that they normally had no dealings with each other. It is noteworthy that the man for whose benefit the story was being told could not bring himself to even say the word Samaritan when Jesus asked him to identify the man who was neighborly (cf. Luke 10:37). This Samaritan used his own provisions to provide first-aid treatment for the man who was beaten, and then paid for his extended care. In the story, Jesus demonstrated what it means to be a neighbor and urged His listeners to follow the example of the Samaritan.

The next day the Samaritan had to leave. He paid the innkeeper in advance for keeping the sick man. He promised that if caring for the man cost more money than what he was leaving, he would pay the rest when he returned.

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Lesson Application: A true friend will give themselves for their friends.

Lesson Conclusion: Because you love your friends and relatives, you will invite them to come hear the Gospel.

1. What is the best motivation to invite a friend/relative to your church?

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2. What is the greatest thing you can do for your friends/family? "The love that is greatest is give your life for your friends" (John 15:13, *Amplified*).

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3. Why was the Samaritan an unusual example?

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4. Who were the people who didn't help the man?

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5. What was special about the man in the road? _____.

6. How did the Samaritan go the "extra mile"?

A. _____.

B. _____.

C. _____.

7. How can you go the "extra mile"?

A. _____.

B. _____.

C. _____.

D. _____.

8. How can you be a good Samaritan? _____.

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(Answers for teacher)

1. What is the best motivation to invite a friend/relative to your church? Love.
2. What is the greatest thing you can do for your friends/family? “The love that is greatest is give your life for your friends” (John 15:13, *Amplified*). Give yourself for them.
3. Why was the Samaritan an unusual example? He didn’t know the hurt man and was from a different background.
4. Who were the people who didn’t help the man? Religious people who worked in the Temple.
5. What was special about the man in the road? He was in need.
6. How did the Samaritan go the “extra mile”?
 - A. He bandaged the wounds.
 - B. He took him to an inn.
 - C. He paid the expenses.
7. How can you go the “extra mile”?
 - A. Intentionally invite.
 - B. Get them to come with you.
 - C. Sit with them.
 - D. Encourage them to respond to the Gospel.
8. How can you be a good Samaritan? Give yourself for your friends.

Today we will be presenting our “YES” cards that represent our friends. (If you don’t have one it’s not too late to invite a friend for next Sunday.) Let’s pray for these friends now. (Have a few minutes of silent prayer for each person to pray by name for their friend.) Have two or three pray (for the pastor, that the friends would come, that your church would be friendly) as you close.