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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Luke 10

“The Great Commandment – Part 1”

Discussion & Application:

1. The Gospels are not simply a bunch of stories about Jesus randomly thrown together. There is purpose and flow to them as the teachings, stories, and miracles work together to communicate profound truth (see Luke 1:1-4). Read Luke chapters 9 - 10. Where is Jesus headed at this point in His ministry? What were the crowds expecting Jesus to do? What about the life and ministry of Jesus do they fail to understand? (See 9:43-45) Why don't people understand who Jesus is and what He came to do? (See 10:21-24)
2. In Lk. 10:25 what kind of lawyer is this and what difference does this make to the rest of the passage? Why did the lawyer ask this question? Why does Jesus answer a question with two questions? Is the lawyer an illustration of Lk. 10:21-24? In what way?
3. Does Jesus agree with the lawyer's understanding of the Law? (cf. Mt. 22:34-40; Mk. 12:28-31; Mt. 19:16-19) After what Jesus said in v. 28 what should the lawyer have said? Why didn't he do this? What do you think the lawyer was trying to accomplish in v. 29? How would this question have justified him?
4. Why do you think Jesus told a parable at this point? (cf. Lk. 8:10)
5. What is the significance of the description "half dead?" (v. 30). What EXCUSE does this take away from the priest & the Levite?
6. Why did Jesus pick a Priest & a Levite in His answer to the lawyer's question? What specific roles did they play in Israel's religious practices? Which people in Luke 10:21-22 would they illustrate? What significance would this have to the lawyer?
7. Why did Jesus pick a Samaritan as the hero in the story? What contemporary story would you tell if you wanted to blow someone's mind with an act of love & mercy by someone toward their enemy?
8. How does Jesus turn around the lawyer's question in verse 36? Why did He do that?
9. In v. 37, why does Jesus tell the lawyer for the second time to go and DO what the Law requires?
10. Why doesn't the lawyer get it?
11. In what ways are Jesus and the Samaritan alike? Who is the ultimate neighbor in the story? Read Gal. 3:24. How does the command to love our neighbor as ourselves point us to faith in Jesus?
12. What specific APPLICATIONS are there for us today from this passage of Scripture?
 - What are some ways that wise & intelligent people in churches might miss the point of the first coming of Jesus? How do even churchgoers attempt to justify themselves?
 - How can we maintain the attitude of babes when we approach God's Word?
 - Although we can't love our neighbors perfectly like Jesus did, what are some practical ways that we can love our neighbors for the glory of God?
13. In preparation for next Sunday, do you love God? Why? How? Is it obvious?