

## SERMON QUESTIONS: GOOD SAMARITAN

Luke 10:25-37

1. Share a time when you saw someone suffering and you felt compassion towards that person.
2. Pastor Mark explains that Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the question, "who is my neighbor?" How does the story of the Good Samaritan answer this question?
3. In Jesus' day, tribalism and ethnic strife were very commonplace. Pure Jews looked down on Samaritans and considered them to be ethnically inferior. How does that fact impact the importance of the story? Why do you think Jesus used the Samaritan as a hero instead of the Priest or the Levite?
4. Pastor Mark points out that today we live in time when we are made aware of many people who are suffering and in distress. Name some ways in which people today are suffering, struggling, and in need of compassionate help.
5. Pastor Mark tells the story of Oskar Schindler, from the movie, "Schindler's List." Even though Oskar saved hundreds of Jews from the Nazi Death Camps, he was left with remorse that he didn't save even more. How is Oskar's situation similar to ours?
6. One way to be a Good Samaritan is to notice what is right in front of you. God often sends someone into our path who needs help, other times God sends us to someone else's path. Have you ever sensed that God was either sending you to someone, or sending someone to you who needed your help?
7. When we serve and help others, we need to do so with a good attitude. Why is it easy to start developing a negative attitude when we are trying to help people?
8. How can we cultivate a joyful and positive attitude when serving others in need becomes difficult, exhausting or inconvenient?
9. When helping others, why is it important to focus on our attitude but leave the outcome to God?
10. Can you recall a time when you tried to help someone in need, but didn't get the outcome you had hoped for? Why do you think that happens sometimes?

11. Pastor Mark reminds us that Jesus is the ultimate “Good Samaritan,” who was willing to rescue us when we were in a “ditch” suffering from sin, arrogance and foolishness. Jesus rescued us through his life, death and resurrection. How does gratitude for Jesus help us become “Good Samaritans” who love our neighbors in honor of the ultimate “Good Samaritan”?