

Weekly Message Study Guide

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The Jericho Road | Limited Liability | Week 1 | September 13

Luke 10:25-29

These study guides are designed for individual or group study but highly encouraged to be experienced in community with a small group or other friends on the journey with Jesus.

Context:

- This series is based upon one of the most popular parables of Jesus, the parable of the Good Samaritan. Anything we have a familiarity with, can cause us to approach it with preconceived ideas of what this story is about and prevent ourselves from learning from it anew. Over the next several weeks, how can you approach this story as if hearing it for the first time, staying open to all that the Holy Spirit desires to teach you?
- If you are hearing this story for the first time, how will you capture and reflect on what the Holy Spirit is stirring and teaching in you each week?
- Start out this week by reading this now very familiar story in a different translation than you normally would: NIV, NLT, The Message, ESV?
- Perhaps instead of reading, open up your favorite Bible app and listen to the story and see what stands out to you through this format.

Reflect:

- What do you think of or imagine when you hear the term, "eternal life"?
- To what extent do you resonate with the desire of the "expert in the law" to know what you should DO to inherit eternal life?
- Up to this point, what have you thought was necessary to be given that gift?
- What does Jesus' response to the "expert in the law" suggest to you about what is needed to enter into the life of the kingdom of heaven?
- Where do you find yourself still tending toward living with a "limited liability" mentality when it comes to following Jesus and the way of the kingdom?

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Practice of the Week:

Walk your neighborhood this week. Be fully present and don't take things for granted that you've think you've seen before. Seek to experience your neighborhood anew. As you walk pray for your neighbors. Those you know and those you don't know. Those who are easy to get a long with and those who might take a little more care. Pray for all of them and then listen. Listen for where God is working and act accordingly.