

GO! *Who is My Neighbor-for Real?*

Luke 10:25-37

- i. Suppose you're at LAX baggage claim waiting for family to arrive and you see a man and a woman in a long embrace. What would you think?
- ii. Suppose you knew more about their story...what would you think and feel?
- iii. We know the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke, right? What is the point of the story?
- iv. There is something more going on in this story than we have been taught before...

WE NEED TO UNPACK TWO QUESTIONS TO GET TO THE MORE OF THE SOMETHING MORE GOING ON HERE...

I. QUESTION 1: WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?

- A. The lawyer is an expert in Scripture
- B. When asked about eternal life he is not referring to an afterlife.
- C. The lawyer answers with good theology and is very orthodox. Should do it!

II. QUESTION 2: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

- A. The lawyer has an agenda and wants to justify himself.
- B. The story:
 1. A Priest
 2. A Levite (religious leader)
 3. A Samaritan—Priests, Levites and the lawyers hated Samaritans
- C. Which of these three was the neighbor?
 1. "The one who had mercy on him?"
 2. WHAAAT??? The dude couldn't say the word Samaritan, he hated him that much.

Here is the something more going on here:

1. The neighbor is not the one who shows mercy.
2. The neighbor is not anyone who is in need.
3. The neighbor is the one you hate the most in life.
4. That is the one you are called to love.
5. That is where eternal life is found.

Fill in the blank: the person that I hate the most is _____. I promise to pray for and love that person because this is where eternal life is found.