



# OH, THAT NEIGHBOR...

## LUKE 10:25-37 THE GOOD SAMARITAN

*He said, "The one who showed him mercy."  
And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."*

1. Love is often demonstrated by an \_\_\_\_\_  
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**James 2:15-17** [15] If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? [17] So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

2. You \_\_\_\_\_ love God if you do not love people as you love yourself.

**1 John 4:20** If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

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3. Your neighbor is anyone who bears the \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Revelation 7:9-10** [9] After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

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*Questions and reflections for your own personal or group study.*

1. Re-read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
2. In your own words, re-tell some of the important points in the historical relationship between Jews and Samaritans.
3. In what ways do you, like the lawyer, struggle with living out the knowledge you already have.
4. Explain in your own words the difference between compassion and mercy.
5. How does the way someone treats you determine how/if you will show love to them?
6. How well do you love your neighbors (yeah, that one)?
7. How have you demonstrated your love for you enemies with practical action? Have you missed opportunities to do so?
8. Loving your neighbor as yourself is one of the difficult commands of Jesus. Pray for each other for the strength to live out this command.