

## **The Parable of the True Neighbor (Luke 10:25-37)**

The context of this well-known parable is often overlooked

Jesus rejoiced His Father had hidden the secrets of heaven from the wise

These secrets were revealed, rather, to those who were childlike in faith

### **I. An Important Question: What Must I Do to Be Saved? (10:25-28)**

“**And behold**” as if to prove the point “**a lawyer stood up & tested Jesus**”

Lit rendering: “**Having done what will I inherit eternal life?**”

### **II. Another Important Question? Whom Do I Have to Love? (29)**

Instead of asking God for justifying grace, lawyer tried to justify himself

The lawyer asked Jesus this question: “**And who is my neighbor?**”

### **III. Parable of the Good Neighbor & Not so Good Neighbors (30-32)**

A certain man went down was robbed, beaten and left for dead (10:30)

A priest saw him and passed on the other side, a Levite also passed by

### **IV. The Good Samaritan (vv.33-35)**

- Jews hated the Samaritans as half breeds & pure scum (John 4:9)
- The heart response of the Samaritan was that of deep mercy for the man
- A good neighbor does not draw false boundaries to avoid helping others

### **V. Last Important Question: Who is the True Neighbor? (36,37)**

- **Which of these 3, proved to be a neighbor to the man who was robbed?**
- The lawyer answered correctly: “**He who showed mercy on him.**”