

# What's the Big Idea? Loving Your Neighbor

Luke 10: 25-37

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- Introduction:**
- \* We are missional
  - \* “Bay Presbyterian Church is a community of believers given to the worship of the living God. Our mission is to preach the good news of Jesus Christ, build people up in their faith and send them out to meet physical and spiritual needs.”
  - \* Express the life of God in the soul of mankind.
  - \* The Plague of Cyprian

## I. Tell the Story

\* The usual way the story goes - moralistic

\* Redemptive

Verse 25 – This was NOT Morgan and Morgan

The test was the challenge to authority

Verse 26 - Answer with a question – retaking control

The Great Commandment

Verse 28 - Does this fly in the face of what John has been telling us every week?

Verse 29 – Seeking to justify himself

Verse 30 - The road from Jerusalem to Jericho – the Blood Road

A Jewish man robbed, beaten and left for dead

Verse 31 - A priest passes

Verse 32 - A Levite passes by

Verse 33 - A Samaritan came by

The Jews and Samaritans hated one another

The Jews thought of the Samaritans as

- Irreligious
- Social misfits
- Worshippers of pagan gods
- This would be a slap in the face – for a Jewish priest and levite experience moral failures and a Samaritan a moral success at the same test

The Samaritan bound the wounds, took him to an Inn, paid the way

Verse 36 – “Which of these is the neighbor?”

## II. What does it Mean and What is the Take Away

4 questions:

1. What shall I do to inherit eternal life?
2. What is written in the Law? How do you read it?
3. Who is my neighbor?
4. Which of these three do you think proved to be the neighbor?

Justifying oneself

Loving extravagantly