

## Lesson Two: Love - Learning to Serve Others

*(read Luke 10:25-29)*

1. What are your initial impressions of how this conversation unfolds?
2. The “expert in the law” decides to test Jesus’ knowledge of Scripture by asking “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Why do you think he asked this specific question?
3. Jesus decides to test the one testing Him (v. 26), and the expert answers by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5. Why is this the “greatest commandment” (Matthew 22:38)?
4. Why must our love for God be multifaceted, involving our heart, soul, strength and mind (v. 27)?
5. The expert in the law also quotes Leviticus 19:18: “Love thy neighbor as yourself.” Why do you think the standard for loving others is the way we love ourselves (see John 13:34)?
6. In a parallel passage, Jesus tells us, “All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands” (Matthew 22:40). How does it simplify your life to know that your primary goal is to love God and others?
7. After Jesus says, “Do this and you will live” the expert tries to justify himself by asking, “And who is my neighbor?” How could the answer to this question make his goal of eternal life easier or more difficult?

*(read Luke 10:30-37)*

8. Why do you think both the priest and the Levite refused to help the man and “passed by on the other side”?
9. In what specific ways did the Samaritan show love to the injured man (see verses 34-35)?
10. The “expert in the law” had asked the question, “Who is my neighbor?” How does Jesus’ question in verse 36 change the nature of the question? Why is that significant (see verses 36-37)?

*(Summary)*

11. How does God’s description of love differ from how we might understand love? How might this affect our understanding of what love will look like in our lives as we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit?

