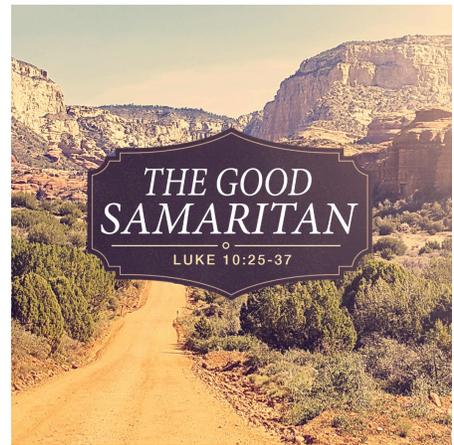


**Royal Redeemer
CGS Community Discussion Guide**

Based on the Sermon Ascension: Exit Jesus
And the sermon for July 2, 2017

(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)



- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- What is the most recent wedding you went to? How was it different from other weddings? How was it the same?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”^[a]; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”^[a]”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

*³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”
Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*

Luke 10:25-37

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Is there a difference between owning something and possessing it? (guitar, grill, sewing machine, etc.)
- When was a moment that you experienced the most/best/fullest life?
- The Samaritan was the third character in the story; if you were the Lawyer and Jesus was telling you this story, who would he put as the third character in that story? OR Who is your enemy?

- **Serve**

- One of the best first steps that we can make towards our enemies is to pray for them. Write out this verse, Matt. 5:44 and begin to pray for the people, situations, or groups of people who provoke hatred in you.

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**