

**Do Likewise: Be the Neighbor**  
**Luke 10:25-37**  
**February 11, 2018**

Are you ready to come to the Lord's Supper?

How do you know? Are you good enough?

What must I do to inherit eternal life?

Does Jesus teach salvation by works?

**First Round of Questions 25-28**

Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus didn't answer the question in the way we have been taught.

Jesus brings him to the law; not the gospel. (Westminster Larger Catechism Q 95)

"What does the law say? How do you read it?" (Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18)

Love God above all, and with your all, and love your neighbor as yourself.

If anyone does this, loves God above all and his neighbor as himself, he will inherit eternal life.

Jesus is after conviction here. YOU HAVE NOT DONE IT, HAVE YOU?

"Do this and you will live."

Not the expected evangelical answer.

Jesus is doing the same thing in his interaction with the Rich Young Ruler.

Keeping the law cannot save us

**Second Round of Questions 29-37**

Seeking to justify himself, Who is my neighbor?

Notice the lawyer passes over love to God.

The lawyer focuses on limiting the definition of the neighbor.

Samaritans, a little history

Jericho Road, 'the path (ascent) of blood.'

The Priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan.

The hated, despised Samaritan, he does the right thing.

So, which was the neighbor?

Notice that Jesus changed the question.

Not, "who is my neighbor", but "who acts the part of neighbor?"

For the second time Jesus says, go and do likewise. Do it.

This is impossible for you, isn't it? To love a Samaritan?

You need the mercy of Jesus.