

## Study Notes 5<sup>th</sup> August

Discuss: Are Good Samaritan acts a good idea today (repercussions/consequences)? Think about cases where people behaved like "Bad Samaritans" because they neglected to care for others in need. You might be tempted to condemn them for their neglect?

Worship: (read within yourself and then softly *together*)

### Verse 1

You are beautiful beyond description  
Too marvellous for words  
Too wonderful for comprehension  
Like nothing ever seen or heard  
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?  
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description  
Majesty, enthroned above

### CHORUS

And I stand, I stand in awe of You  
I stand, I stand in awe of You  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due  
I stand in awe of You

### Verse 2

You are beautiful beyond description  
Yet God crushed You for my sin  
In agony and deep affliction  
Cut off that I might enter in  
Who can grasp such tender compassion?  
Who can fathom this mercy so free?  
You are beautiful beyond description  
Lamb of God who died for me

Read: Luke 10:25-37

1. In the context of the parable, what is a "lawyer"
2. Why did the lawyer ask his question?
3. The answer he gave quoted scripture, what are the two great commandments?
4. What is peculiar about the answer of the lawyer? Does his answer indicate that he knew anything about Jesus and His teachings?
5. Does it mention the nationality of the man who was left half dead?
6. Is the Good Samaritan another way of showing how Jesus loved?
7. Look at the characters in the story: the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, the man who was beaten. Who might these people be today?
8. What if the injured person were someone from a different ethnic group than yours? Would you stop to help?
9. Why do you think the two Jews walked away from him?
10. Describe the Samaritan. Why was it so unusual for him to stop and tend to the man's wounds?
11. What did the lawyer learn from this parable?
12. What lessons did you learn from this parable?
13. How can we all express more compassion and care for one another?
14. Does loving your neighbour as yourself help explain how Jesus loved?
15. Why is it important for us to be willing to help others?

Witness: In ways showing that we follow Jesus and his teachings. Recognising who are neighbour is and to bring action wherever needed and to *whomever* it might be.

Prayer: Praying that we are sorry when we have passed by someone who needed our help. Asking God to help us in giving eyes to see and ears to hear and act out upon what Jesus tells us to do not thinking selfishly (inconvenient). Too often we learn to shut our eyes and hearts to the needs around us.

Pray for needs amongst us in this group here and now.  
For the needs of our Town, Nation and Nations across the world.

*Thank you Jesus for hearing our prayers. We love you.  
Amen!*