

1. The setting for a story about mission

- a) Luke 10:25 What problems do you see with the question asked and the attitude of the questioner?
- b) Who else asked Jesus a similar question? Luke 18:18
- c) Does an inheritance come by doing something? What did these questioners fail to understand? John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8, etc.

2. Connecting

- a) How did Jesus seek to connect with this lawyer? Luke 10:26 (treated him with respect rather than judging or exposing him)
- b) What important lesson can we learn from this mission strategy of Jesus?
- c) What does the response to the question of Jesus reveal about the lawyer? Luke 10:27
- d) Why is pointing to and affirming the Word of God always better than argument? Psalm 119:105, 130
- e) What are some other ways we can connect with people besides asking a question?

3. Dealing with resistance

- a) Luke 10:29 Why do you think this lawyer tried to justify himself?
- b) Think of a time when you made excuses for your behavior. What was your motivation?
- c) Share some examples from the Scriptures of people who made excuses for unacceptable behavior.
- d) Why is there never an acceptable excuse for not loving your

neighbor?

4. Demonstrating the unconditional love of God

- a) The command to love our neighbor is often repeated in the Scriptures. Matthew 22:39, Galatians 5:14, Micah 6:6-8, 1 John 4:20-21
- b) Why is it difficult at times to love our neighbors?
- c) Why is loving God with all our hearts an essential preparation for loving our neighbors? Matthew 22:37-38

5. An illustration of unconditional love in action

- a) Luke 10:30-37 How does the conduct of the Samaritan traveler reflect the unconditional love of God to his unknown neighbor?
- b) Why did Jesus choose the story of a Samaritan helper to demonstrate unconditional love in action?
- c) What other stories in the Bible illustrate the unconditional love of God in action?
- d) Share a time when you saw the unconditional love of God in action.
- e) What are some practical ways you can demonstrate the unconditional love of God in your circle of influence?

