



**SERIES: GOD AND JUSTICE  
THE GOOD SAMARITAN  
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\_\_\_\_\_ **Justice:** Righting the wrongs of the world

**3 TAKEAWAYS FROM THE STORY:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ **AGAINST A RELIGIOUS** \_\_\_\_\_.

The religious expert's attitude was \_\_\_\_\_ in the story by the Priest and Levite.

You can know all the right answers and \_\_\_\_\_.

2) \_\_\_\_\_ **YOUR DEFINITION OF "NEIGHBOR"**

\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ is your neighbor.

(especially if they are in need or a victim of injustice)

There are no \_\_\_\_\_ for loving your neighbor.

**3) NEIGHBORS** \_\_\_\_\_

Mercy = \_\_\_\_\_

So now what? \_\_\_\_\_

## **Study Questions:**

1) Why do you think people sometimes prefer religious rituals or law keeping rather than a relationship with God?

2) At times, are you more interested in knowing what the Bible says, rather than doing what it says?

3) In what ways do we justify our lack of love for others?

4) Read Matthew 18:21-35. How does mercy play a role in this parable? What is the point of the story? How does it connect back to the story of the Good Samaritan? Do you see any other places in the parable where the theme of justice plays a part?

5) Comment on the following quote, "Mercy and the gospel are like smoke and fire. Where one is, the other is close."

6) In Matthew 9:13, Jesus reminds us of God's decree, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." If Jesus were speaking to modern day Christians what might this verse sound like? What concrete / specific way can you do this in your life this week?