



Learning Intention: To unpack the parable of the Good Samaritan, and to consider the barriers we might face when encountering a person in need.

Summarise the story in your own words.

How does the Samaritan demonstrate preferential option for the poor?

What does this parable teach us about our own actions when we see a need?

The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:30-37

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Why do you think the Jewish priest and Levite might not have stopped to help?

Hint: You may need to research the role of the Jewish priest and Levite at the time.

What barriers can we face that might stop us from helping another person in need?