

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****The Good Portion**

LUKE 10:25-42

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

**OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPLY // LUKE 10:25-42**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

**Overview/Big Idea:** Jesus alone justifies us and this compels us to ask not "Who is my neighbor?" but "Whose neighbor can I be?" while we rest in Christ.

1. Read Luke 10:25-37
2. In verse 25, a lawyer asks Jesus a question. What is the lawyer's motivation? How is this question a test?
3. Notice in verses 26-27, Jesus asks the lawyer what Scripture says, and the lawyer answers correctly. How do the motive of the lawyer's heart and the accuracy of his theology warn us? Why is correct theology alone not sufficient?
4. In verse 29, it says the lawyer is trying to "justify" himself? Why is he doing this? How are we tempted to do this in our own lives?
5. What is the context for Jesus telling the parable of the Good Samaritan? Why is it important that we read this story in context and not just tell part of it?
6. In verse 37, why does Jesus tell the lawyer to "go and do likewise" yet again (cf. v. 28)?
7. Ultimately, Jesus did not tell the story of the Good Samaritan to inspire you to be a hero but to be humbled. What do you think of that statement?
8. What are some ways we can love our neighbors, especially during this trying time?
9. Read Luke 10:38-42.
10. How does this story connect to and build upon verses 25-37?
11. What is Mary doing in this story? What is Martha doing in this story?
12. What do you notice about Martha's complaint to Jesus?
13. How does Jesus respond? Does his response surprise you?
14. How are we tempted toward distraction, even with good things?
15. What does Jesus mean by "Mary chose the good portion"?
16. How can we help each other choose the good portion?

- General Bible study questions:
  - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
  - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
  - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
  - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
  - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How does Jesus loving you as his neighbor comfort your soul? How can you love others as your neighbor? What good things might distract you from choosing the good portion?