

**A Servant's Heart:
Unexpected****Background**

- In v25-26 "Law" refers to the traditional Scriptures that include laws given by God that Jewish people were supposed to follow.
- In this passage Jesus is debating with Jewish Teachers (or experts in the law), which was a common cultural practice.
- Both the Levite and the Priest would have been considered significant religious figures at the time and expected to behave as an example of good living.
- Traditionally Jews and Samaritans were not friendly to each other.

Observe: What's there?

- Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.
- Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.
- Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Interpret: What does it mean?

- Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?
- Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.
- Answer your questions from the text and context.
- Why is this passage or story here? Try to summarize it in one sentence.

Luke 10:25 - 37

—— **PRAY** (to lead into the study)

Start with Introduction

- If there are any new people, have everyone introduce themselves!
- Ask a transition question:

Who has been your favorite neighbor and why?

Leave space to think, have 2-3 people share)

Background Leader's Notes

- Go through the background/context of the passage, keep it brief.
- State the transition to next part of the study: reading out loud, reading silently, then observations.

—— **READ OUT LOUD** (go around, have each person read 2-3 verses)

- Transition: Explain observations and say what to look for during silent reading.

—— **READ SILENTLY** (~10 minutes, adjust as needed)

Observe Leader's Notes

- Have people list observations, try to avoid answering questions right now. The goal is for people to list observe and discuss before interpreting.
- Transition: Ask if there are any remaining observations/questions, then start interpretation (answering discussion questions).

Interpret: Leader's Notes

- Go through the questions one at a time, try to have multiple people answer the question with their ideas.
- When done with questions, ask people to silently summarize the main point of the passage in 1-2 sentences (Give 2-3 minutes to write it down)

Leader's Main Point: In the passage Jesus tells the expert a story about choosing to help someone in need in an unexpected situation. By choosing to help our neighbors, we can love our neighbors as ourselves.

—— **SHARE MAIN POINT** (Rapid-fire share around the circle)

Application Leader's Notes

- Read the application question out loud, allow for ~5 minutes to think and write applications down.

Take some time to pray for God to help you recognize when He is prompting you to help someone. Choose a time or set a reminder for later this week to evaluate an unexpected service opportunity that came up. In that time think about what happened and what made you decide to help or not help.

- Have people share as willing (You can write them down to ask about later!)

—— **PRAY** (to exit the study)