

FOR US

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS 12-14

ICEBREAKER

Share about a time when you realized you liked the idea of something more than actually accomplishing it.

CONTEXT

Multiple times in Jesus' ministry we see Him teaching either in the temple courts or in a community. In many of those instances someone in the crowd is trying to trip Him up and test His knowledge with an end goal of discounting Jesus as a teacher or rabbi. In this passage, a lawyer attempts to test Jesus' knowledge of the law with the question of how to receive eternal life. In true fashion, Jesus answers the question with another question.

READ

Luke 10:25-37

DISCUSS

Share about a time when someone was trying to justify their actions when they were clearly in the wrong.

In verse 29 it says that the Lawyer desired to justify himself. Why do you think he felt he needed to do that?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

Why do you think the Priest and the Levite chose to not help the wounded man? Why do you think the Samaritan chose to help him?

Who do you identify with more? The Lawyer, the beaten man, the Levite, or the Priest?

If we are supposed to love our neighbor as ourselves, how does this story help us understand who our neighbor is?

One commentator wrote, "From a biblical perspective, our love for people is even more revealing because it actually indicates the authenticity and health of our relationship with God." Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

NEXT STEPS

In this passage, the Lawyer knew all the right answers theologically but lacked living them out practically. We are all guilty of this at times and none of us live it out perfectly, but we should always take time to self-evaluate. Ask yourself, does my life match what I claim to believe?

What is one thing you can do this week to help line up your beliefs and your actions?