

The Good Samaritan

Part 2: the parable



He was moved with compassion

Students may read Paper 164:1.3 or entire section

A lawyer asked Jesus a question about eternal life, and then he asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered him by telling a story about a man who was beaten by robbers and left on the side of the road. A priest passed by and then a Levite, but they did nothing to help. Finally, a Samaritan came by. He brought the man to an inn and paid for his care. Then, Jesus asked who proved to be the man's neighbor. The lawyer replied, "He who showed mercy." Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."

Discussion Questions

Do you think the lawyer was surprised that the Samaritan was the one who helped? Why? When the Samaritan saw the injured man, the story says, "He was moved with compassion." What does that mean? How does that help us define love?

