Discussion Questions – Parable of the Good Samaritan
Read Luke 10:25-37

• Who challenged Jesus?
• What are the two great commandments?
• How do we know Jesus loved God?
• How do we know Jesus loved his neighbor as himself?
• How does Jesus define "neighbor"?
• Who is our neighbor?
• Is the Good Samaritan another way of showing how Jesus loved?
• What kind of story does Jesus tell the lawyer? (parable)
• Look at the characters in the story: the priest, the Levite, the Samaritan, the man who was beaten.
  o Who might these people be today?
  o What if the injured person were someone from a different ethnic group than yours? Would you stop to help?
  o Why do you think the two Jews walked away from him?
  o Describe the Samaritan.
  o Why was it so unusual for him to stop and tend to the man's wounds?
  o What if the injured man was from Israel? The United States?
  o And what if the Samaritan was a Palestinian? Iraqi?
    ▪ Would you expect him to stop and help?
  o What did the lawyer learn from this parable?
  o What lessons did you learn from this parable?
  o How can we all express more compassion and care for one another?
  o Does loving your neighbor as yourself help explain how Jesus loved?
  o Why is it important for us to be willing to help others?
  o How does God see each of us?
    ▪ How can we work to see each other the way God sees us?