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## THE LOADED QUESTION

- ❖ Lawyers can ask loaded questions.
- ❖ The question for Jesus was a landmine (Luke 10:24-29).
- ❖ This lawyer was “testing” Jesus - ekpeirazó (ek-pi-rad’-zo) indicates an extreme and unwarranted: badgering the witness.
- ❖ Gader means fence or wall in Hebrew - the circle around a command to keep one from accidentally breaking it.
- ❖ What the Lawyer wanted to know: “How far does my responsibility go?”
- ❖ Jesus was about to draw a broader gader or circle than anyone could imagine.

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## IT’S NOT YOUR TITLE

- ❖ It’s not your title that demonstrates your love (Lk 10:30-31).
- ❖ The title of priest brought prestige, power, and accolades. VIP mentality.
- ❖ Sometimes that happens to us when we have a title...especially in the church... preacher, elder, deacon, team leader, etc.
- ❖ As Church Leaders we should lead like Jesus (Jn 8:50; Ph 2:5-11; Mk 9:35; Jn 13:12-17) - submission, humility, serving, setting the example.
- ❖ Are you like the priest?

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## IT’S NOT HOW MUCH YOU DO?

- ❖ Levites are busy men. Busy doing “God’s work”.
- ❖ I believe most of us can relate to the Levite. Busy, busy, busy. Sometimes that happens to us as Christians. We get so caught up with the work of ministry that we miss opportunities to show mercy to those in need.
- ❖ James 2:15-17
- ❖ Don’t be too busy to help someone out.
- ❖ Are you like the Levite?

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## IT’S NOT IN YOUR HERITAGE?

- ❖ The Jews were God’s people.
- ❖ It really must of stuck in the craw of this lawyer when Jesus made the hero of the story a Samaritan. Jews hated Samaritans.
- ❖ Loving your neighbor does not know ethnic boundaries, religious differences, color of skin, language barriers, political parties, or even how much money you have in your pocket.
- ❖ Mercy will cost us our convenience, time, money and resources, physical danger. It’s meeting a need inspire of the cost.
- ❖ Jesus drew the gader around the whole world.
- ❖ Sometimes we can be spiritually blind. Rev. 3:17-18
- ❖ Are you like the Samaritan... or are you spiritually blind?

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## NOT WHO BUT WHAT?

- ❖ Lk 10:36-37
- ❖ It’s not about WHO your neighbor is as much as it is WHAT love really looks like! Love is giving mercy to those who need it!
- ❖ **YOU ARE TO BE THE NEIGHBOR WHO SHOWS LOVE TO GOD AND OTHERS BY GIVING MERCY AND COMPASSION!**
- ❖ Just as God showed mercy on you by giving grace, we are to show mercy to others. This is how you demonstrate your love for God and others.
- ❖ **GO AND DO LIKEWISE!**

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