

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

BIBLE READING PLAN

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is far and away Jesus' best known parable.

Asked by a religious expert to define who qualifies as a neighbor, Jesus tells this fictional story about a traveler who is stripped of clothing, beaten, and left half dead alongside the road. First a Jewish priest and then a Levite comes by, but both avoid the man. Finally, a Samaritan happens upon the traveler. Although Samaritans and Jews despised each other, the Samaritan helps the injured man. Jesus' conclusion, of course, is that the neighbor is the one who shows mercy to the injured fellow man.

This parable and its essential insight that everyone is our neighbor and worthy of love are the foundation of much of Christian ethics. However, the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a long ways from being the *only* biblical teaching on our ethical duty to love and care for others.

This two-week reading plan will lead you on a wide-ranging journey that will ultimately show you that loving and caring for others is a central theme not just of Jesus' teachings but of our scriptures as a whole.

If you have any questions as you read along, don't hesitate to reach out to Rev. Tom at pastor@hillside-medford.org or Rev. Wendy at wendy@sanctuaryucc.org.

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VERSES

SUN, NOV 14

Sunday Worship

MON, NOV 15

Isaiah 1:17

TUE, NOV 16

Proverbs 31:9

WED, NOV 17

Matthew 22:39

THU, NOV 18

James 1:27

FRI, NOV 19

Zechariah 7:9-10

SAT, NOV 20

Jeremiah 22:3

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VERSES

SUN, NOV 21

Sunday Worship

MON, NOV 22

Romans 12:15-18

TUE, NOV 23

Micah 6:8

WED, NOV 24

Proverbs 14:31

THU, NOV 25

Psalms 82:3

FRI, NOV 26

Deuteronomy 27:19

SAT, NOV 27

Leviticus 19:15-16