

Secrets of True Greatness – 3 Leader's Guide

- 1. What is mercy? (It's giving others kindness that they don't deserve. It's feeling others' pain and doing something to relieve their suffering.)**
- 2. How does God have mercy on us? (We deserved punishment and death, but God didn't give us what we deserved. Instead, He punished Jesus on the cross. He is kind to us and feels our pain when we suffer.)**
- 3. Why does Jesus tell the parable of the Good Samaritan? (A religious man tested Jesus and asked him how he could have eternal life. He asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?")**
- 4. Describe the road between Jerusalem and Jericho. (It was dangerous. It was a 17-mile winding, rocky road with caves where robbers could hide.)**
- 5. What happened to the man in the story as he traveled this road? (He got attacked by robbers. He was stripped, beaten, and left ½ dead.)**
- 6. What 2 people came along and didn't help the injured man? (Two religious Jews- a priest and a Levite - (temple helper) walked on by.)**
- 7. What are some reasons why they may not have helped? (They may have been too busy. They may have felt uncomfortable or afraid. They may not have wanted to get involved.)**
- 8. Who were the Samaritans? (They were half-breeds, a mixed race. They were half Jewish and half idol-worshippers.)**
- 9. How did most Jews feel about Samaritans? (Most Jews hated them because of racism.)**
- 10. Who is the hero in Jesus' story? (A Samaritan, a foreigner, a "bad guy".)**
- 11. How did the Samaritan help the man who was hurt? (He bandaged his wounds with oil and wine. He put him on his own donkey. He took him to an inn, cared for him, and paid his bill. He promised to return and pay more money if needed.)**
- 12. How was he generous with his things, time, and money? (He shared his oil, wine, and donkey with the injured man. He changed his schedule to care for him. He gave 2 days' worth of pay to the man. He promised to give more if needed.)**
- 13. Who is our neighbor, according to Jesus? (Our neighbor is anyone in need, of any race, language, age, or religion.)**
- 14. Jesus says the merciful will be shown mercy. What does this mean? (If we are merciful, it's like planting seeds. We will have a big crop or harvest of mercy from others.)**
- 15. How is Jesus like the Good Samaritan in the story? (He is kind, heals us, cares for us, pays our debt, and promises to return.)**
- 16. Do you show mercy to others? How could you improve? (Answers will vary. At the very least, we can pray that God will help us to be more merciful.)**

