

## Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 10:21-42 (January 11, 2026)

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of today's sermon.* —

1. Jesus tells His disciples to rejoice not in their power over demons, but that their names are written in Heaven. What does this teach us about where we should find our true joy and identity?
2. The sermon emphasizes that the 'wise and understanding' did not perceive God's truth, while it was revealed to 'little children.' What characteristics of childlike faith might we need to cultivate to truly understand God's kingdom?
3. When asked 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?', how does Jesus' response challenge our tendency to rely on good works rather than surrendering our lives to Him?
4. The lawyer asked 'Who is my neighbor?' to justify himself. In what ways do we similarly try to limit or qualify who deserves our compassion and love?
5. Both the priest and Levite passed by the injured man, possibly viewing him as a sinner who deserved his fate. How might we unconsciously judge people's worthiness before offering help?
6. The Good Samaritan showed extraordinary compassion to someone from a group that typically hated his people. Who are the 'enemies' or 'others' in our lives that God is calling us to love sacrificially?
7. Jesus reframes the question from 'Who is my neighbor?' to 'How can I be a good neighbor?' How does this shift in perspective change our approach to loving others?
8. Martha was distracted by serving while Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen. What 'good' activities or busyness might be distracting you from what is most necessary in your relationship with Christ?
9. The sermon states that many prophets and kings desired to see what the disciples saw but never did. How should recognizing our privileged position as post-resurrection believers impact our faith and witness?
10. Jesus commands us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. What practical steps can you take this week to demonstrate Christ-like compassion toward someone who has wronged you or whom you find difficult to love?