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Study to show "The Way of True life," Bible Study Outline

TOPIC: **Creative Communication**

TEXT: ***Luke 10:25-37***

Instructions: - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: Have you ever met a skeptic who listens to you talk about fl in passive silence, and you just can't get him to interact with you do you know someone who enjoys discussing the faith on an intellectual level only, yet you are unable to get her actively involved: maybe you've got a friend who is content and satisfied with life, you can't figure out how to help him see his need for Jesus. Jesus answers to a lawyer's questions offer some clues on how to deal' each of these situations.

1. Communication theorists tell us that we learn in a variety of ways. For example, some need their intellects aroused, some like to be challenged to action and some need their imagination sparked. What stimulates you to learn? Explain.

2. Read Luke 10:25-37. Why do you think the expert in the law wanted to test Jesus (v. 25)?

3. Jesus could simply have said that eternal life comes from surrender and faith in him. Instead, he asks the man a question (v. 26). Why?

How can asking good questions help us to communicate the gospel more effectively?

4. What does the lawyer's answer reveal about his understanding of eternal life (v. 27)?

5. When the lawyer answers "correctly," Jesus tells him to act on what he already knows to be true (v. 28). Why do you think the lawyer becomes defensive at this point (v. 29)?

6. In order to feel the impact of Jesus' parable, we must look through the eyes of the lawyer. How would he have expected a priest, a Levite and a Samaritan to respond to the man's needs? Explain.

7. Why do you think the priest and Levite "passed by on the d side" instead of helping the man?

8. In what ways do we tend to pass by those in need?

9. How does the Samaritan demonstrate the meaning of "love your neighbor as yourself (w. 33-35)?

10. Why do you think Jesus used a story instead of directly confronting the lawyer's inconsistent view of loving one's neighbor?

11. How can stories, illustrations and examples help us to be more effective in sharing the gospel?

12. This passage shows us the importance of asking good questions rather than sermonizing and of being creative communicators of God's truth. Which of these are your strengths and which are weaknesses you want to improve on?

What can you do to build skills in these areas?