



## **SANCTUARY REFLECTION GUIDE**

### **November 9, 2025**

---

**Title:** The Inheritance

**Preacher:** Rev. Chip Roberston

**Scripture:** Luke 10:25-29

This week, we are finishing the story of the Good Samaritan—a story that begins with a question: “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” That’s a big question. It is a question that many of us have wrestled with at some point on our journey of faith. And the lawyer who asked it was about to find out what happens when what he thinks is obvious is placed in the Son's light.

The question seemed straightforward. The lawyer wanted a clear answer and to test Jesus’ understanding of the law. Jesus doesn’t respond with a formula or checklist—he turns the question back on the man, asking, “What is written in the law?” and “How do you read it?” That simple shift invites the lawyer, and us, to look inward. It’s not just about knowing the right words but living them. That is how we inherit eternal life, living our lives like Jesus and living out the words he teaches.

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

---

1. What stuck out to you about this sermon? Was there an idea that was particularly meaningful or challenging for you?
2. Rev. Chip mentioned that in Jewish culture, there was a sense of shared identity, mutual responsibility, and collective belonging. How do you see our culture differ from that? How do you think those differences impact our daily lives?

3. In your experience, where have you seen rules and regulations limit the way people can care for others? Are there any situations or environments where rules or regulations actually help us care for others?
4. Read John 17:3 together. To know Jesus is to have eternal life. Does that truth counter your current or previous beliefs about what it takes to inherit eternal life?
5. What does it look like to live in a way modeled by the Samaritan in the story?

## WEEKLY PRACTICE

---

We want to be a church of disciples seeking to live out the teachings of Jesus and become like him. To know Jesus, we are encouraged to do the same. One helpful tool is the ancient prayer of the Examen: a short, daily prayer of reflection where you pause to look back at your day with God. The Examen can help you see where you followed Jesus closely, where you resisted, and how you can grow as his disciple.

**This week, we invite you to set aside five minutes at the end of each day to pray the Examen.** There are five simple elements:

1. Gratitude: Where did you see God's goodness today? Thank God for those things that are obvious. But also thank Him for non-obvious things that we sometimes forget (random acts of kindness, being healthy, a song, or a meal that sparked joy).
2. Ask: Invite the Spirit to provide insight beyond human capacity. Ask to understand how God is acting in your life and for eyes to see yourself as Jesus does.
3. Review: Think over your day like a movie replaying in your head. Note the experiences of God's nearness or moments where God might have passed by unnoticed or ignored.
  - a. What made me happy? Angry? Anxious?
  - b. Where did I best reflect Jesus? Where did I feel most in line with God's ways?
  - c. What habits or decisions would I most like to change?
  - d. When did I least reflect Christ? What made that moment so difficult?

4. Repent: Ask for forgiveness for moments that come to mind as you review the day (i.e., getting involved in gossip, reacting with an aggressive tone, lacking compassion in a situation, ignoring a need, not responding to a nudge). Receive God's forgiveness afresh.
5. Renewal: Make a decision in your heart to live for Jesus tomorrow and ask for grace to see his presence more clearly.