1. The setting for a story about mission
   a) Luke 10:25 What problems do you see with the question asked and the attitude of the questioner?
   b) Who else asked Jesus a similar question? Luke 18:18
   c) Does an inheritance come by doing something? What did these questioners fail to understand? John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8, etc.

2. Connecting
   a) How did Jesus seek to connect with this lawyer? Luke 10:26 (treated him with respect rather than judging or exposing him)
   b) What important lesson can we learn from this mission strategy of Jesus?
   c) What does the response to the question of Jesus reveal about the lawyer? Luke 10:27
   d) Why is pointing to and affirming the Word of God always better than argument? Psalm 119:105, 130
   e) What are some other ways we can connect with people besides asking a question?

3. Dealing with resistance
   a) Luke 10:29 Why do you think this lawyer tried to justify himself?
   b) Think of a time when you made excuses for your behavior. What was your motivation?
   c) Share some examples from the Scriptures of people who made excuses for unacceptable behavior.
   d) Why is there never an acceptable excuse for not loving your neighbor?

4. Demonstrating the unconditional love of God
   a) The command to love our neighbor is often repeated in the Scriptures. Matthew 22:39, Galatians 5:14, Micah 6:6-8, 1 John 4:20-21
   b) Why is it difficult at times to love our neighbors?
   c) Why is loving God with all our hearts an essential preparation for loving our neighbors? Matthew 22:37-38

5. An illustration of unconditional love in action
   a) Luke 10:30-37 How does the conduct of the Samaritan traveler reflect the unconditional love of God to his unknown neighbor?
   b) Why did Jesus choose the story of a Samaritan helper to demonstrate unconditional love in action?
   c) What other stories in the Bible illustrate the unconditional love of God in action?
   d) Share a time when you saw the unconditional love of God in action.
   e) What are some practical ways you can demonstrate the unconditional love of God in your circle of influence?