

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

LUKE 10: 25-37 NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Serve the World

Foundational Practice: Serving Faithfully

“We put the Gospel on display as we serve others in our family, workplace, and community.”

1. Intro Question: Who qualifies as your neighbor?
2. Last week the Life Group guide challenged you to list a spiritual practice you would like to implement daily and weekly. How easy were those to incorporate into the rhythm of your spiritual life last week? How did you experience God more in your life as a “result?”
3. Read Luke 10:25-37 out loud as a Life Group. What stands out to you in this passage and why? What caught your attention in the teaching of this passage?
4. Prior to hearing this sermon and reading the passage above, how would you describe your neighbor? Who would you have included or excluded?
5. In the sermon Jesus highlights three characters (Scribe, Levite, Samaritan) who come upon the same injured man. What did their actions reveal about their motives for avoiding or helping the injured man?

“The opposite of love is not hate but indifference.” Mike Slayden

6. According to the sermon, compassion towards another can be defined as, “Anyone who has a need in your sphere of influence that you are able to aid in any way, this individual is your neighbor.” After reading this definition, how has your understanding of those who are worthy of compassion been expanded and stretched? Is God bringing anyone to your mind that you need to be more compassionate towards?
7. Read 1 John 4:19-21. Both this text and the sermon highlight the symbiotic relationship between loving God and loving others; identifying this as the essential lifestyle of a follower of Jesus. How is the Holy Spirit challenging you to grow in your love of God and others?

CLOSING CHALLENGE

The main topic in this sermon is compassion. Consider what ways you can partner with the Holy Spirit to be more compassionate to those you find the hardest to love and serve? Ask God to give you His love for those you consider most challenging to love in your sphere of influence; family, neighbors, coworkers, bosses, and those different from you ethnically, socioeconomically, politically, and ideologically.