

# IMAGINE



**Big Idea:** Imagine a place where people, changed by God’s grace, gather together to pursue Jesus and offer their lives for the cause of His kingdom! Imagine a place where everyone matters, hope is abundant, grace is free, and generosity overflows. Imagine a place filled with men and women who share a commitment to go out into the ordinary spaces of life to live and love like Jesus. That place would be a taste of heaven on earth.

## Imagine A Place Where . . . Ordinary People Become Extraordinary Neighbors

IMAGINE : GENEROSITY - Jesus’ Community is generous toward neighbors.

Week 4, Luke 10:25-37

### Capture our Attention-

- a. Make a list of as many things you can think of that you know about your neighbors in 30 seconds.

What are some things that you don’t know that would help you serve them.

- b. Share your Take-A-Way from last Sunday’s sermon. What insight or truth from the message did God allow to capture your attention? What are you doing to live out the implications of that truth?

### Enlighten our Mind-

1. Break into groups of three or four to discuss the questions 1 and 2. The religious leader presented a very important question to Jesus (v. 25). Why is this such an important question for Jesus to answer? Why did the religious leader ask it?

Why don’t people ask that question more today?

2. Jesus answered the question of the religious leader with a review of Scripture and then a story. Pick two of the following discussion questions to answer in your group.

-What Old Testament section did Jesus point the man for his answer?

-What two commands did the religious leader recall?

-What did Jesus mean by what He said in v. 28?

-Why was the religious leader trying to “justify” his actions with his next question (v. 29)?

3. Describe what it looks like to live out the two commands that Jesus affirmed (v. 27-28).  
Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

4. Identify the different characters in the story Jesus told (v.30-35). Write a role description below.
- Jewish traveler
  - Bandits
  - Priest
  - Levite
  - Samaritan
  - Innkeeper

What is the main point Jesus is trying to have us learn from this story? Now tell the story as it might happen today and still carry the same challenging lesson.

5. How is the question Jesus asked at the end of the story (v. 36) different than the question the religious leader asked (v. 29)? Why is that difference important?
6. What are the implications of Jesus' very clear instructions in verses 28 & 37?

How can you be a good neighbor to someone around you?

**Imagine a Place where people are generous toward their neighbors-**

**Bringing Lesson to Life.**

- a. Generosity thrives best in an arena where needs abound. What are some of the needs that people face in their workplace, home, and personal lives?
- b. Generosity flows from a life that has been filled with God's generous grace. Spend some time reminding yourself of God's goodness in your life. Ask yourself what is holding you back from being extraordinarily generous with what God gave to you?
- c. Generosity blesses neighbors. Ask Jesus to open your eyes to ways you can meet the needs of people in your group. Ask Jesus to increase your ability to be generous to people who are far from God and have needs around you.  
*How will you show generous love by practicing one of the five habits of life this week?*
  1. **Bless** one person each day by showing them God's love,
  2. **Eat** with three people each week,
  - 3 & 4. **Listen** to and **Learn** from Jesus each week,
  5. **Share** the insight you learn with three people each week.
- d. Generosity sacrifices its own resources to help another person in a time of their need. What keeps you from being sacrificially generous?

What promise from God would help unlock the gates of your generosity?

**Pray an "Imagine" prayer for your group, neighborhood and city to find their way back to God.**