

SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING STARTED:

- 1) What was the best part of the neighborhood you grew up in? The worst?
- 2) What is your definition of a hero?
- 3) Can you recall a story when someone you know did something exceptionally nice to a stranger? How did it inspire you?

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:29-37

DISCUSSION

- 1) Are there risks of helping strangers today? Are these different than in Jesus' day?
- 2) Have you had an opportunity to show compassion but decided to "walk on the other side of the road"? What kept you from acting in love?
- 3) Read Luke 10:30-34: Which of the acts of the Good Samaritan would be the hardest for you? (Compassion, Time, Money, following-through, etc.)
- 4) Read Luke 10:29: What kind of worldview does the expert in the law assume? What do you think he expects Jesus' answer to be?

DIG DEEPER (Other scriptures?)

- 1) God wants us to go beyond personal growth. Read Isaiah 58:7-11. How does God take care of us if we help others? Consider the if / then's in the passage.
- 2) Read Mark 6:7-12: Jesus tasked the 12 disciples with preaching repentance while also healing the sick. What is the significance of preaching and healing together?
- 3) What other narratives in scripture show God or His people stepping out and helping those that are not like them?
- 4) Read Matthew 5: 43-48. What is a better response when we have been hurt?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) What can we do individually and as a church to increase our compassion for those who are not like us?
- 2) How can you love your neighbor better, not more, today than you did yesterday?
- 3) Do you "see" the people around you?
- 4) Can you "see" their hurt over your justification?