

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**08.25.24 Message | Tyler Myers | Luke 10:25-37**

**Key Scripture (ESV):**

*"And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How do you read it?' And he answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.'"*

*"But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance, a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'"*

- Luke 10:25-37

**Message Highlights:**

- Being a neighbor is more than just living near someone; it's about showing the irrational and relentless grace of Jesus.
  - Our actions must align with what we know to be right; knowledge without action is disobedience.
  - The way we treat those different from us reflects our love for God.
  - We are called to be witnesses to Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives.
  - A mature Christian is someone difficult to offend while understanding grace deeply.
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**CONVERSATION STARTER**

- What's one memorable experience you've had with a neighbor that made you feel more connected to your community?

**DISCUSS THE MESSAGE**

- Tyler said that being a neighbor is about not just living near someone but how we interact with those around us. How does this challenge the way you currently interact with those around you?
- Avoiding opportunities to help others or provide one-on-one services has become common. What are some ways you might be "passing by on the other side" in your own life?
- How can we ensure that we live out what we believe?

**THINK DEEPER** (Does your group understand the passage?):

- What might it look like in your life to see people as the Samaritan saw the man in need? (Luke 10:33)
- How do you discern when to help someone and when to move on? What does this passage teach us about this discernment? (Luke 10:31-35)
- Reflect on the statement: "Our theology becomes irrelevant if not used in service of loving God and neighbor." How does this challenge your current spiritual practices? (Luke 10:37)

**THINK LIFE CHANGE** (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?):

- How will this message change the way you interact with those in your neighborhood this week?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to interact with a neighbor you have not interacted with recently?

**THINK ENGAGE** (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?):

- How can you leverage your daily routines to be more available to those around you?
- How can your home become a place of hospitality and grace for those who live near you?

**THINK KINGDOM** (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?):

- If living through a Kingdom lens means living missionally, do you trust that God has placed you in your neighborhood, work environment or friend groups to be something more than a passive presence?
- How would life look different if you chose to live life through a missional lens? How might it complicate life? How might it transform your life and the lives around you?