

Life Groups: October 23rd

Life Topic: Service [60min]

## Relationship Building [15min]

1. Opening Prayer [Group Leader]

2. Share Rose Buds & Thorn [or just check-in]

a. Rose: the high point of your week.

b. Thorn: the low point of your week.

c. Bud: something you are looking forward to.

#### **Optional Activity [5-10 Min]**

Bucket List – A Bucket List is a list of things you want to do sometime in your life! Share 1-2 things that are on your bucket list!

### Bible/Teaching [10min]

1. Read Bible Verse: Luke 10:25-37 (Story of the Good Samaritan)

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 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 neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, 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 while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

- 2. Watch Video: of Emilie Bouvier's Sermon on October 23rd
  - a. <a href="https://woodlakechurch.org/worship/sermons/">https://woodlakechurch.org/worship/sermons/</a>
  - b. If video is not yet available on the website, go to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/WoodlakeLutheranChurch">https://www.youtube.com/c/WoodlakeLutheranChurch</a>. Video will be live on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Discussion [30min]

- 1. Group Conversation/Reflection
  - a. Discussion Questions

- i. What were your main takeaways from the Gospel lesson?
- ii. Where do you see yourself in the story?
- iii. How would you summarize Emilie's sermon in 2-3 sentences?
- iv. Can you think of a time that you showed up to serve and were changed in the process?
- v. What challenged you or made you think differently in hearing again the story of the Good Samaritan?
- vi. What does "first fruits offering" look like in your own practice of service?

# Closing [5min]

- 1) Share something that sparked further interest or thought. [5]
- 2) Closing Prayer [Group Leader]