

Who Is My Neighbour?

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE | PT. 3

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WARMING UP

1. Do you have any interesting neighbor stories? Maybe some who tried your patience or were a little too nosy? On the other hand, perhaps some who became almost like family or came to your aid in a time of need? What have your experiences with neighbours been like?

DIGGING IN

All-in love for God produces all-in love for others.

2. *Your relationship with God hangs in the balance (v. 25-28)*
 - The lawyer asks Jesus, “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?” How does this question address the deepest longing of every human heart? What responses do people commonly give today?
 - Jesus answers the lawyer by asking him another question and by pointing him to Scripture. How is this an effective approach in dealing with significant questions?
 - The lawyer quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. How would you summarize his answer? How important is this according to Jesus?
3. *... so you can't pick and choose whom to love (v. 29-35)*
 - What is the lawyer attempting to do with his question, “Who is my neighbour?” How do we sometimes do the same thing?
 - Why is it such a big deal that a Samaritan helps the beaten and robbed Jewish man? What is the cultural backdrop to this story? What would be a comparable contemporary scenario?
 - We all have people we would rather not love. Pastor Todd shared a long list of “unlovables.” If you are being honest, whom do you find it harder to love? How so? What does 1 John 4:8 say about this?
4. *... but must show mercy to all (v. 36-37)*
 - What can keep us from demonstrating genuine love toward others, just like the priest and Levite? Pastor Todd mentioned six obstacles to all-in love. What are they? Which one is the biggest challenge for you? Why? What is the key to overcoming those obstacles?
 - Look at Romans 5:8 and 1 John 4:19. How is our all-in love for both God and others a natural and necessary response to God's all-in love for us? How has he most clearly demonstrated his love? In what other ways does he show us his loving care?

BREAKING OUT

5. What part of this message spoke most directly to your heart? Why? What is your obvious step of application? How can your small group members help you pursue this?