

“Lockdown Lessons”
Love Your Neighbor - Luke 10:25-37
Sermon Questions

INSTRUCTIONS: Leaders, check out some fun Connection Activity ideas for your group time, which are posted on our Chapel website Small Groups page under “virtual group resources.” We encourage you to come up with your own “introduction” question to begin your group discussion, and to end your group time in prayer.

Read Luke 10:25-37. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit as you read through the passage.

“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

1. Read verse 25. The expert in the law asks the most important question we can ask: “how can I have eternal life?” What key word do you notice in his question? Eternal life is not something we can earn by doing (Ephesians 2:8-9). The expert of the law used the word “inherit.” Discuss how receiving an inheritance parallels the idea of receiving eternal life by grace.

2. Read verse 27. What does it look like to live out these commands in your life? Then, read verses 28-29. The man knew what he had to do, yet he wanted to justify himself. In what ways do you sometimes try and justify yourself?

3. Pastor Dave’s first point is “Seeing your Neighbor.” We live in a world surrounded by wounded and hurting people. Sometimes these people are obvious (people who are in the hospital, or families that are grieving or struggling financially); sometimes it’s not so obvious (people who are struggling with mental illness or addiction, or are in isolation right now and fighting loneliness). WHO are some hurting neighbors that God has put in your life, specifically in this time. Discuss what your response – who have you been the most like, the priest/Levite, or the Good Samaritan? What are some changes you can make to love your neighbor, as we are called to do? Pray and commit to be a good, loving neighbor in the week ahead - encourage each group member to do the same! Watch and see what the Lord will do as you step out in faith. Be sure to follow up with everyone!

4. Pastor Dave mentions three big things that keep us from stopping and showing love to others: self-righteousness, busyness, and messiness. Which of those three do you most relate to, and why? Are there any other reasons??

5. Read verses 33-35. Pastor Dave mentions that this kind of love is non-discriminating (get to know and care for people that are different from us) and sacrificial (time, money, convenience, etc..) Which of these sacrificial acts is the hardest for you, and why?