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***Who's My Neighbour?***

***(Living) Loving in a Complicated World***

**The Good Samaritan**

**Luke 10:25-37**

**With a friend, your family or in your small group, discuss the following questions.**

1. Have you ever found yourself in a “Good Samaritan” situation? Describe a time when you responded to a circumstance like the Good Samaritan. Describe a time when you were more like the person who ignored someone in need. What prompted your actions?
2. What are some qualities that you can think of that prove that we live in a complicated world?
3. Why is the hero in the story of the Good Samaritan such a shock to the listeners of Jesus’ day? In the modern retelling of the story that Paul shared at the beginning of the message, the hero was a biker. Who are others that would be shocking heroes in a “Good Samaritan” type story, today?
4. Why was it so difficult for the people of Jesus’ day to “love your neighbour as yourself”? Why is it difficult to do today in our complicated world?
5. Think of someone in your life that you find hard to love. What are the obstacles to loving that person? Have you been trying to love them under your own strength or are you tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit? Discuss.
6. To truly be able to love others the way that God intends, we have to be able to receive his love for us. Have you truly received God’s love, the gift of his son, Jesus for humanity? If so, how has it impacted the way that you love others? If you are struggling to love, maybe it is because you struggle to be loved by God. Discuss.
7. We can’t love the people that God brings into our lives without truly seeing them, and we can’t truly see and know them, without knowing their stories. Discuss.

### **Prayer and Action Item**

Think of someone that God has brought into your life that may be difficult to love. Instead of ignoring or criticizing them, commit to getting to know them better over the next few weeks. Look for ways to hear their story and then invite God to soften your heart towards them.