



Small Group Questions "The Great Risk"

Icebreaker:

How many neighborhoods have you lived in? How did they differ? Were some more friendly than others? Do you know the names of the current neighbors on your street?

Discussion Questions:

1. Review: Read Luke 10:25-37. Is this story familiar to you? How has it influenced your life? Does anything new stand out to you today as you read it?
2. What is the first question the lawyer asks Jesus? What is the second? Why do you think he asks the second question?
3. Like the lawyer, do you get entrapped in the sticky web of "justifying" yourself? Can you think of an example?

When is it most likely to happen?

4. How many different classes/labels are used to describe the characters in this parable?

How does Jesus use these labels to make his point?

5. Jesus adjusts the lawyer's question in the end. The lawyer made "neighbor" an object. Jesus made it a subject. Jesus changes it from, "Who is my neighbor?" to "What is neighborliness?" Why did Jesus do that?
6. How does Jesus characterize neighborliness?
7. Ask yourself, *which people have been placed in my life? Am I neighborly to them? Why or why not?*

What roadblocks are keeping you from taking that "great risk?"