



What Kind of Neighbor Am I?

The first sermon in our Love Thy Neighbor(hood) series refocuses our hearts from asking "Who is My Neighbor?" to "What Kind of Neighbor am I?" As we reflect and repent for how we've kept our neighbors at a distance, let's continue to ask God to show us how we can love our neighbors the way He loves them.

LOOKING BACK:

FAMILY TIME (25 min)

- Vision Statement: Explain the vision of lifegroup.
- [Prayer Requests and/or checking in on previous week] - You can put this in if there was a specific action point from the previous week.

LOOKING UP:

WORSHIP (20 min)

- Spend time in worship together.
- Some possible song suggestions:
 - Sunday's worship set: [Find it here!](#)
 - The Way (8mins)
 - Promises (9mins)
 - Praise Before My Breakthrough (8mins)

BIBLE STUDY (20 min)

- Intro Question: Have you experienced a time when an unexpected "neighbor" came to your aide? What happened, and how did you feel afterwards?

Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)

²⁵ **One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"** ²⁶ **Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?"** ²⁷ **The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"** ²⁸ **"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"** ²⁹ **The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"**

³⁰ **Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.** ³¹ **"By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by.** ³² **A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.** ³³ **"Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him.** ³⁴ **Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.** ³⁵ **The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'**

³⁶ **"Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.** ³⁷ **The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."**

Include questions - could be guided questions or could be DBS questions

- 1) What stands out to you from this passage?
- 2) What do you learn about God's heart?
- 3) Who do you identify most with in this passage? Why?
- 4) What are some practical things I can do to grow in being a good neighbor?

LOOKING FORWARD (20-30 minutes)

Prayer Journaling exercise

Aside from the Priest, Levite, and the Samaritan, we may at times see ourselves as the wounded, Jewish man, or the Innkeeper, who God calls to take care of the wounded until the day He returns.

Take some time to ask God:

- 1) God, who are you calling me to be a neighbor to?
- 2) In what way am I in need of a neighbor at this time?

Encourage Lifegroup members to continue to process with God throughout the week.

KIDS' LESSON SUGGESTION:

Watch this video summary of the Good Samaritan story: <https://youtu.be/osf0g4yKtq8>

Discuss these questions with your kids:

1. Why do you think the priest and the Levite did not help the man?
2. What is a Samaritan?
3. Why do you think Jesus told this story?

Take some time to pray and ask God:

1. Who is my neighbor? Is there anyone that God wants me to show love to or pray for?
2. How can I bless that neighbor?