

Loving Our Neighbors

- **B** Begin With Prayer (Pray for those far from God)
- L Listen With Care (Entering spiritual conversations by listening intently)
- **E** Eat Together (Eat with people far from God)
- **S** Serve (Serve others far from God and invite others to serve with you)
- **S** Share (Share what Christ has done in your life with others far from God)

Hill Country Bible Church's 5th Core Value – "Loving Our Neighbors"

We live out God's design to love our neighbors by investing in the people around us, regardless of generation, culture, or ethnicity. The Good Samaritan exemplifies Jesus, showing the love of the Father to those nearby who need it most, but deserve it the least.

Memory Verse: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:36-37

Sermon Points: Luke 10

- 1. Before I can <u>give</u> God's love, I must <u>receive</u> God's love (v.25-29)
- 2. When I live loved by God, then I can love like God (v.30-37)

Group Opener: Any fun neighbor experiences you can recount? Have you ever had an interesting encounter with a neighbor that turned into a friendship?

Discussion Questions:

- 1. The Good Samaritan showed mercy to a man whose people mistreated him. List his six acts of compassion. Which is hardest for you? Which comes naturally?
- 2. The barrier to loving our neighbors with God's love is "redemptive amnesia." Make a list of mercies Jesus did for you. When was the last time you showed the tangible mercy of Jesus to someone different from you?
- 3. Ask God to show you someone in need who is near you. Commit to tangibly meeting their need in Jesus' name.