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the values that unite us

Loving Our Neighbors

Luke 10:25-37

1. Before I can give God's love, I must first

receive God's love. (v. 25-29)

2. When I live loved by God, then I can love like

God. (v. 30-37)

- Crisis (v30-33)
- Compassion (v34-35)
- Call (v36-37)

The Good Samaritan exemplifies Jesus, showing the love of the Father to those nearby who need it most but deserve it the least.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Studies show that people don't talk with their neighbors much. Why do you think that happens? What are the barriers?
2. God calls us to "agape" our neighbors (i.e., love with His love). How is God's love different from human love? Describe how you came to know God's love personally.
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. Ask God to show you someone in need who is near you. Commit to tangibly meeting their need in Jesus' name.

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."**

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