

QUESTIONING JESUS

CONVERSATIONS WITH PHARISEES,
SEEKERS, AND DISCIPLES

Part 1: "Selective Compassion?"

Introduction

Following Jesus requires that we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. This begs the question of who does and doesn't fall into the neighbor category. According to Jesus, selective compassion is not an option.

Discussion Questions

1. Who do you know that is great at asking insightful questions? How do you view your interactions with them?
2. Read Luke 10:25–37. In the passage, the command to "love your neighbor" was clear, but the expert in the law asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Why do you think we have a tendency to try to put parameters on the things God asks of us?
3. Jesus's response shifts the conversation from who is worthy of love to what it looks like to be a loving neighbor. What does this tell us about what it means to follow Jesus?
4. In the message, Samer made the statement, "*In the way of Jesus, love, mercy, and compassion are not limited by the object of love.*" What do you find most challenging about this statement?
5. Who are you most likely to put in the non-neighbor category?
6. What would it look like for you to lead with love, model mercy, and choose compassion with those who are most difficult for you to see as a neighbor?