

Who's Your Neighbor?

TODAY'S MAIN POINT

Jesus calls us to love everyone, even those who don't think, live, or believe like us.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE(S)

Luke 10:25-37

TEACHING GOAL

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus challenges the idea of picking and choosing who deserves love. Students will learn that loving their neighbor isn't about convenience or comfort – it's about compassion in action. This week invites students to notice the people they might normally overlook and choose to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

Let's Break the Ice:

- Who is the easiest type of person for you to connect with? Why?
- When have you ever avoided someone on purpose? What was going through your mind?

Bible Study:

- Read Together: As a group, read Luke 10:25-37 NIV
 - *Telos Bible Page Numbers: John 10:25-37 (pg 1012)*

Discussion Questions:

- Verse 29 says the expert wanted to "justify himself". What does that reveal about His heart? Where do we try to justify ourselves?
- The priest and the Levite both saw the man but passed by. What's the difference between seeing a need and taking responsibility for it?
- Who is outside of your circle right now that you've quietly decided isn't your responsibility?
- What do you actually risk when you choose to cross a social boundary? Be specific.
- What would it look like to intentionally move toward someone this week instead of waiting for them to move toward you?

Make it Real:

- If someone watched your life this week, would they see evidence that Jesus is expanding your circle – or would it look more like you just trying to protect your own comfort? Explain that a bit.
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Discipleship Moment:

Pray for Someone New: This week, pick one name. Think of someone who may be outside of your friend group, spiritually far from God, or easy to ignore and commit to praying for them daily.

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.

Prayer:

- Close with group prayer
 - Take prayer requests
 - Celebrate what God has done over the last week