

# 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:

- Is it easier for you to talk to someone new or avoid someone new? Why?
- Have you ever pretended not to see someone? What made it awkward?

### 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:

- Why do you think the religious expert asked, "Who is my neighbor?" What do you think he was really trying to figure out?
- When Jesus chose the Samaritan as the hero of the story, it was shocking to the audience. Who would shock you if Jesus held them up as an example of how to love other people?
- Have you ever had a situation where you had an opportunity to help someone who couldn't help themselves. If you're comfortable sharing, what did you do or **not** do?
- What usually stops you from helping or including someone – fear, awkwardness, what others might think?
- What is one small way that you could "cross the road" to help someone this week?

### Make it Real:

- If you're honest, is there someone you've decided isn't worth your time? What would it look like to see them the way Jesus does?

**(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:**

**Pray for your Enemy:** Spend some time this week identifying someone or a group of people you typically have a hard time loving, and pray for them.

**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