

## Deeper Connection Study

The law expert was doing just fine in his conversation with Jesus until he asked a question in order to justify himself. He asked Jesus what seemed to be a simple question: “Who is my neighbor?” He had no idea about the ramifications of Jesus’ response. As you look at this parable afresh, remember that how we view others and care for them have huge implications for the proclamation of the gospel. We are not just a mouthpiece of God communicating his gospel to others...we actually become the hands and feet of God in our witness to others. *Today’s Core Virtue discussed: Love.*

### Read Luke 10:25-37

1. How radical was Jesus’ point in this parable? How do you think it shocked the law expert? How does it challenge you?
2. How has someone been a “neighbor” to you? What did they do that made you feel valued or loved?
3. What are some of the specific needs of people in the world? How can you use your resources to help them?
4. What are some of the most pressing needs of your “neighbors?” How can you help them in tangible ways? What does it cost you to love your neighbor (cf. I John 3:17-18)?
5. How can you actively widen the circle of your influence to include others? Who is your neighbor? Who have you excluded from your idea of who is your neighbor?
6. What would happen if everyone in your church loved their neighbor as Jesus indicated in this parable? What implications would this have on how we share the gospel with others as well as how they might receive it?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his incredible love! Pray for God to bust your comfort zone and help you love your “neighbor” and meet their needs. Ask God to work in your heart and through your actions to love others as Jesus did.

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### WHAT DO YOU WANT?

#### Luke 10:25-37

#### “Just Love”

We now arrive at an inquiry section of Luke’s gospel that highlights people asking Jesus for something. The questions they ask can range from basic knowledge to entrapment, but Jesus turns their inquiry into a lesson on discipleship. What you want from Jesus might actually be validation for something that is not in line with what Jesus wants. There’s the rub! In answering questions, Jesus reveals his kingdom mission.

In this first inquiry story, the law expert wanted to test Jesus and was surprised by the parable he heard. He had no idea about the ramifications of Jesus’ response. As you look at this parable afresh, remember that how we view others and care for them have huge implications for the proclamation of the gospel. It is challenging to love others in the way Jesus describes in this parable. Below are a few good reads that will help you deepen your thinking and expand your love for others.

#### Recommended Reading

- Corbett, S., and Fikkert, B. (2009). *When helping hurts: Alleviating poverty without hurting the poor...and yourself*. Chicago: Moody.
- Corey, B. (2016). *Love kindness: Discover the power of a forgotten Christian virtue*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.
- Keller, T. (2010). *Generous justice: How God’s grace makes us just*. New York: Riverhead Books.
- Labberton, M. (2010). *The dangerous act of loving your neighbor: Seeing others through the eyes of Jesus*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP.
- Wigg-Stevenson, T. (2013). *The world is not ours to save: Finding the freedom to do good*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP.

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**“Just Love”**

**Luke 10:25-37**

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**What does God expect? (v. 25)**

Deut. 6:5 –

Lev. 19:18 -

**Who is My Neighbor?**

Objections / Excuses given regarding meeting needs

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*“Love is the motive, but Justice is the instrument.” (Reinhold Niebuhr)*

**Just Love and Imago Dei**

Micah 6:8

James 2:15-17

1 John 3:17-18

When \_\_\_\_\_ is absent from the \_\_\_\_\_, there is no \_\_\_\_\_.

**Inconvenient Love**

**My call to action**

**Take Home Truth**

Meet \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Today’s Core Virtue: Love**

**Today’s Actions:**

1. Sign up to serve this Saturday, Oct. 14, for our Community Service Day!
2. Complete today’s Deeper Connection Study.

