

# Won't You Be My Neighbor?

## Jesus: God Revealed!

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of July 15, 2015

**Main Point: When you love God, you love people. Loving people requires action.**

**Luke 10:25-37**

### CONNECT

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If you could live anywhere in the world, other than Savannah, where would you live? Why?

Where would you not want to live? Why?

How would you describe a good neighbor? How about a bad neighbor?

### LEARN

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#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ Luke 10:25-29

Why was the lawyer questioning Jesus? Lawyers were known as “an expert of the Law”, how could his public questioning of Jesus potentially affect Jesus’ ministry?

Why do you think the lawyer choose the question of eternal life to ask Jesus?

What questions do we sometimes focus on too much as Christians that do not really affect the eternity of anyone?

The lawyer’s question “Who is my neighbor” is trying to find out the minimum requirements to get into heaven. Why do you think he was seeking the minimum requirements?

How have you seen others or yourself seek to do the bare minimum?

#### HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ Luke 10:30-37

Why do you think Jesus chose to use a priest and a Levite as the two people who did not help the injured man?

What do you think motivated the Samaritan to have compassion on the injured man?

What are the practical implications of moving from knowing God’s Law “by head” to knowing it “by heart?”

In what ways can justifying ourselves or our attitudes get in the way of loving or relating to others and loving God?

How does Jesus’ statement to the lawyer on verse 37 change the focus of the lawyer’s original question of “Who is my neighbor?”

What is the relationship between eternal life and showing mercy? How do we sometimes neglect this relationship?

What would a completely unselfish love look like in our lives?



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In what ways would you like to live out the truths of this passage more fully in your life?

Is there a person or group of people that you can actively change your heart towards and be more neighborly?

How can our Life Group (individually and corporately) practically demonstrate the mercy of Christ by loving our neighbors as ourselves?

## **PRAYER**

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Praise God that like the Samaritan he saw us in need and did not choose to pass by, but had compassion on us and gave himself for us. Ask God to remind your group that we are directed by Christ to be neighbors who honor him.



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