

FEBRUARY 5TH -16TH

ME & MY NEIGHBOR

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We live in a world of neighbors. Next door. Across the street and around the corner. But this term doesn't just refer to the location of our house. We have neighbors in the cubicles at work and in the next county, state, and country. We share our planet with global neighbors. And yet, how many of our neighbors do we really know? In week one of the two-week series, "Me and My Neighbor," we'll be looking at the parable Jesus tells in Luke 10. Jesus challenges us to love our neighbors as ourselves—and in so doing, we will learn how to really love Jesus.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Luke 10:25–37. This is the familiar story of the Good Samaritan. To begin with, identify who the questioner is in the story. What is he asking of Jesus? What do you discover about his motives? How does Jesus respond?
- What do the priest and the Levite have in common (vv. 31–32)? How do they differ? What do you think Jesus had in mind by including both examples in the parable?
- Describe what you know about the Samaritan (vv. 33–35). Who is he? How does he respond? In offering this man as an example of what a good neighbor looks like, what can we learn about how to love God by loving our neighbor?
- How does seeing the man in need as a picture of Jesus as described in Luke 22:63–65; 23:39; John 19:1–2, 23 help you understand the importance of Jesus's command to love others?
- The Samaritan offers many concrete demonstrations of being neighborly in Luke 10:33–35. How might these actions translate into our lives today?



CHALLENGE

Today as you go about your work and errands, open your eyes to the "neighbors" around you and consider how you might love Jesus by loving them.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"Love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)



PRAYER

Dear God, open my eyes to the neighbors at my elbow as well as the ones far away and seemingly unreachable. Help me to see them as You do and to respond to them with the mercy You desire. Help me understand that in loving them, I am loving You. In Jesus's name, amen.