

# Scriptures this week:

## Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

## Immigration: Is the Church Addressing Invaders or Well-Intended Pilgrims?

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We can see all our neighbors through the eyes of Christ, love them, and still be good citizens of our earthly government as well.

### A challenging situation:

### Our conflicting thoughts:

### Our Christ-like love for our neighbors:

## Notes:

## ***Life Group Discussion Questions***

Immigration

For the week of July 25, 2021

### **Getting Started**

1. How did you and your family originally immigrate to the United States?
2. If America was founded with immigrants, why do you think immigration is still such a hot button issue?
3. What is your perspective on how Christians should think about immigration and relate to immigrants (legal or illegal)?

### **Digging into the Text**

4. Read Luke 10:25-37 and respond:
  - How does Jesus use the story of the good Samaritan to address the Jewish lawyer's underlying pride/assumptions/prejudices?
  - What specific actions did the Samaritan take which demonstrate his love of neighbor? How would these same actions be very difficult and extraordinary for first-century Jews, priests and Levites?
  - Summarize the main idea of this passage.

### **Applying It to My Life**

5. Assess your attitude to your neighbors, especially those who come from different cultural backgrounds than you. Are you viewing your interactions with them as invitations from God to love or as inconveniences which threaten your comfort and way of life?
6. What is a step you can take to be more compassionate, merciful, and loving to the '*strangers*' among us?
7. How can we, as a group, be praying for each other as we all seek to make disciples of all nations and share Jesus with everyone who crosses our path?