

Who is My Neighbor?
Week 1: What Should I Do?
July 12th, 2020

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of life.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Do you know the names of your next-door neighbors? If so, share their names...(If you can, how about across the street, behind you, etc.?)

INTRODUCTION

"Who is My Neighbor" is our new series that we begin this week. Our focus is on part of Jesus' "Great Commandment" – "Love Your neighbor as yourself." Over the next several weeks we'll study scripture to help us identify who our neighbors are and how to love them. Our text is a very familiar Bible story, The Good Samaritan. We begin this week by looking at Luke 10:25-28 with a study entitled: ***What Should I Do?***

As we dive into our story, consider the question the expert in religious law poses to Jesus and his motives behind it.

Bible Storytelling: Luke 10:25-28

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Luke 10:25-28 in your Bible, what did the storyteller add or omit in their retelling? Does anything else stand out to you?
- Read the story: Have someone in your group read the passage of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

- **Why did the “expert in religious law” approach Jesus with his questions?**
- **What does the scripture indicate about how he perceived Jesus?**
- **Do you think he wanted an answer, or did he believe he already had one?**
- **Ask yourself - Do you really want to know what Jesus really wants you to know?**
- **This passage is a familiar one to many of us. Are there any new insights that God has revealed to you from our study or our group time?**
- **CLOSING PRAYER**-Spend some time in prayer, pray for the season we are in, for those that may be affected, for the community, for our world. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.