Who is My Neighbor? Week 2: Who is My Neighbor? July 19th, 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:

Summer is a time for grilling...what is your favorite thing to put on the grill for dinner?

INTRODUCTION

Last week we began our new series that focuses on the story of the Good Samaritan. Our series is entitled: *Who is My Neighbor?* We created the foundation last week by looking at our motives to our questions. We started by asking the question...*do you really want to know what Jesus really wants you to know?*

This week we are stepping into the story and the actual question **Who is My Neighbor?** Our story comes from Luke 10:25-29. As you engage the story, consider a time when you have had the "right" answer but the wrong "intentions.

Bible Storytelling: Luke 10:25-29

- Tell the Story: This week's story will be told by one of our group members.
- Examine the Story: Looking at Luke 10:25-29 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.

- The Gospel writer Luke tells us "the man wanted to justify his actions." What is there in the exchange between the man and Jesus to indicate his motives?
- Does the man get the answer to Jesus' question in V26 "right?"
- If the man comes to Jesus, and if he knows the right answer to Jesus' question, then what is wrong with this exchange?
- Have you ever had the "right" answer but the "wrong" intentions?
- How might identifying your motives help you hear what Jesus wants to say to you?
- **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.