

November 11, 2018

In Sync with Jesus on Neighboring

Luke 10:25-37

OPENING (10-15 minutes)

- Share how you took steps to be in sync with Jesus around last week's theme (let your light shine).
- Have you ever been helped by a good Samaritan? When have you been a good Samaritan to someone else?

CLARIFYING THE TEXT (20-30 minutes)

Read the passage aloud in your group. Use the questions below to dig in to Jesus' words.

- How does Jesus answer the two questions of the law expert?
- What specific actions did the Samaritan take in the story?
- What do we learn about each character in Jesus' story? Who do you identify with most?
- Why might the priest and the Levite pass by on the other side? In what ways were they worse off than the injured man?
- If Jesus were telling this story in our community, what characters might he use instead of the priest, Levite and Samaritan?
- Who is the surprise hero in the parable? What attitudes is Jesus challenging with this plot twist?
- How does Jesus define neighbor?

Additional texts to consider:

- Leviticus 19:17-18
- Mark 12:28-34 (when Jesus is asked a similar question)
- 1 John 4:20-21

OBEYING: How can you be more in sync with Jesus? (20 minutes)

- Which of the actions of the good Samaritan are hardest for you to do (compassion, physical care, giving time, giving money)?
- How can you prepare to "go and do likewise" this week?

PRAYING: *Close your group in prayer for each other to keep in sync with Jesus.*

