



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Series Theme: Stories of Jesus
Text for the Week: Luke 10:25-37
Message for the Week: The Sacrificial Community
The Story: The Good Samaritan

Week Two

Sunday, June 19

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

What do you remember about your neighborhood as a child? Who was the cookie jar neighbor? Which neighbor was most feared or misunderstood?

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

Read:

Read / Have two people in your group read [Luke 10:25-37](#) out loud.

[Clicking this link will bring you to multiple translations.]

As you read and/or listen to the text being read, circle, take note of, highlight, or underline what words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them with those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

To whom do you relate in this story? Why?

Can you recall a story when your church was a neighbor to someone in need?

Who would you nominate for the “Good Samaritan Award” in your neighborhood?

Why do you think the Samaritan stopped to help when the others passed by?

What do you do when you see someone standing on the street corner asking for help?

What did you learn about the “Kingdom” in this parable of Jesus?

“Try It!”

Have a family conversation about how to help someone in need (for example, standing on the street corner asking for help), and then follow through on your decision.

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you. Pray this prayer together:

Father, we are all wounded and hurting from the pain and struggles of this life and need of your care, your love, and your compassion. Thank you for breaking into our world in Jesus, for binding up our eternal wounds, and for pouring out your own blood to heal us.

Father, open our eyes to the plight of those lying alongside the roads of life desperately in our care and attention. Assist us in becoming their neighbor, in assisting them in their need, and being willing to pay the price – as Jesus did for us. Use us in the building of your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus our Teacher and Rabbi, Amen.

Missional/Spiritual Practice for the Month: Eating and Drinking with Others

During the month of June, you are encouraged to eat and drink with people that you don’t know very well (Luke 10). It could be a neighbor, a classmate, or co-worker. Have a neighborhood popsicle or ice cream day in your neighborhood. Eat at the restaurant that is closest to your house and be open to meeting and greeting new people while you are eating there. Experiment with different ways to eat and drink with new people.