

STUDY GUIDE

MARCH 13, 2022

6:8 | LEARNING TO LOVE MERCY

LUKE 10:25-37

Note to Leaders: Every group is different, please choose the questions that relate best to your particular group from each section below.

WORK AHEAD | HOW CAN I COME PREPARED FOR MY GROUP?

1. Read Luke 10:25-37.
2. Look over your message notes. What was surprising or insightful? What questions were raised?
3. If time allows, look ahead at the “Digging In” section and think through how you would contribute to your group discussion.

FOR STARTERS | THOUGHTS TO GET US ON THE SAME PAGE

1. How many of your neighbors do you know by name?
2. What’s the kindest thing you’ve ever seen a neighbor do for you or someone else?

DIGGING IN | DISCOVERING WHAT GOD SAYS IN SCRIPTURE

Don’t just see. Observe.

1. The parable of the “Good Samaritan” is one of the most familiar stories in the history of the world. But how well do you actually know it?
2. Pray for the Spirit to open your eyes, then read Luke 10:25-37 together.
3. What do you notice? Does anything jump out at you that you’ve missed before?
4. What message would be missing from the Bible if this story wasn’t in it?

Wait Jesus—you’re saying that guy is my neighbor?

Read 1 Kings 13:32-33, 2 Kings 17:23-24 and Luke 9:51-56 to get a sense of the disgust Jewish people had toward Samaritans.

1. Who, in your world is so corrupt, evil and unclean that they’re basically beyond hope?

2. What is Jesus saying to you about that person?

3. According to this parable, what responsibility do you have toward the “Samaritans” in your world?

Mercy does stuff.

Biblical mercy is *empathy plus action*.

1. Read the passages below. What does mercy “do” in these?

a. Genesis 19:14-16

b. Hosea 6:6; Matthew 12:7

c. Micah 6:8

d. Matthew 17:14-18

e. Titus 3:3-7

f. When Jesus says “go and do likewise,” what do you think He meant?

BRINGING IT HOME | APPLYING WHAT WE’VE LEARNED

Personal Reflection

Would you describe yourself as a “merciful person”? How is the Holy Spirit shaping you to become more like Jesus through this story?

Group Application

Are there any “Samaritans” in your lives that you can pray for today?

DIGGING DEEPER | IDEAS TO KEEP GROWING DURING THE WEEK

1. Check out this [growing list of Christ-centered resources](#) that will equip you to humbly walk with God, doing justice and loving mercy.
2. What does a Jewish historian think about the “Good Samaritan” story? Check out this [fascinating little video](#).