

# Like a Good Neighbor...Jesus is There

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## Introduction

Can you name some famous neighbors?

*"If God's Word became visible, our words must too. We cannot announce God's love with credibility unless we also exhibit it in action."*

*—John Stott (1921-2011)*

## Lesson:

### 1. Loving God and Loving Neighbor Sums up the Law (Luke 10:25-28).

- What was Jesus' aim in answering the man's question the He does?
- What do you think these different aspects of loving God (heart, soul, strength, mind) refer to, and why do they matter?

### 2. Loving Our Neighbor Means Showing Compassion (Luke 10:29-35).

- Why do you think the two religious leaders passed by the man in distress?
- What reasons do we give when we want to "pass by on the other side" and not show compassion?
- What do we learn from the Samaritan's sacrificial actions on behalf of the wounded man?

*"As believers, we live under Christ's great command to love our neighbors as ourselves...In fact, as was his custom, Jesus expanded the scope, so that 'neighbor' included any person in need."*

*—Bruce Ashford and Chris Pappalardo*

### 3. Compassion From Jesus Leads to Compassion for Others (Luke 10:36-37). Voices from the Church

*"The question Jesus asks here is not about defining (or limiting) who our neighbor is...It is about being a neighbor, even to those society would say we must avoid."*

*—Stan Guthrie*

- According to your reading this week who does Luke define as "Whom do I need to see as my neighbor?" Look over Luke 5-10 and make a list of those whom Jesus shows compassion toward.
- Looking at Luke 5:17-26, the religious leaders were preventing the lame man from experiencing the Love of Christ. What prevents me from being a neighbor?

**4. Go and be a BLESSing: God calls us to display the beauty of His compassion toward us by showing compassion to others who are in need.**

- How does the parable of the Good Samaritan challenge you in the way you relate to people who are different from you?
- What are some needs in the community that your group/church could work together to meet while showing compassion in Jesus' name?

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