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WEEK 5 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Can God Use Me?

OPENING PRAYER

LOCATER QUESTION

How are you doing? (How are you on the inside? Downcast? Joy-filled? Weary? Well?)

GUIDING SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:30-37

SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

What's your reaction on first hearing this parable? Does it make sense to you? Does it draw you in? Are there parts which surprise you?

Would you describe yourself as someone from this parable? Why or why not?

SCRIPTURE APPLICATION

Why do you think Jesus included a priest and a Levite in his story? Why were they important to the story?

Why do you think Jesus uses the Samaritan as the "hero" in this story?

FAITH REFLECTION

What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

Are you quick or slow to be tempted to condemn people or retaliate? Does the world make it easier or more difficult for you?

Which of the acts from the Samaritan is the hardest for you? (compassion, care-giving, or time/money)? Is it hard for you to step outside your comfort zone to help someone or to find another person to partner with you? Why or why not?

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TRANSFORMATION QUESTION

What natural inclinations make it easier for you to act like the priest or the Levite than like the Samaritan? What makes it harder to care for someone who is completely different from you?

Often, verse 27 – “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind” loses its connection with this parable. Why is it important for this parable?

WEEKLY ROAD MAP

Re-read Luke 10:30-37. Record and notice what stands out each time. What might God be telling you through this story?

Attend any of the online worship gatherings this coming weekend.

Be in prayer, asking God to reveal how you can step outside your comfort zone to care and to love others in the coming months. Ask for open ears and eyes, to bravely show up on behalf of others.

Spend some time in personal reflection. Challenge yourself to reflect on others who are different from you who may be used by God to share something important to you. Reflect on how you can tear down the barriers that keep you from being a full vessel for God’s love and grace.

CLOSING PRAYER