

# C E L E B R A T I O N N O T E S

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Sugden Park

But [the man] wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29

But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. James 2:9

## HOW DO WE NEIGHBOR THOSE DIFFERENT FROM US?

· “Keep my distance”

“There was a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead.

It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side.” Luke 10:30-31 “Curious but uninvolved”

“In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side.” Luke 10:3

“Treat others how I want to be treated”

“But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity.” Luke 10:HOW TO

## UNDERSTAND OTHERS

1. START SEEING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE AROUND ME “When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him.” Luke 10:33b

“Look out for the good of others.” 1 Cor. 10:24

“The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others ...harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds!”

Gal. 6:8a

## 2. SYMPATHIZE WITH PEOPLE'S PAIN

“When he saw him, his heart was filled with pity.”

Luke 10:33

“Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Gal. 6:2

“(God) comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials... So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us.” 2 Cor.

1:4

## 3. SEIZE THE MOMENT.

“Kneeling beside him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them.” Luke 10:34a

“Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.” Pr. 3:27-28

“Always treat others as you would like them to treat you.” Matt. 7:12 (JB)

## 4. SPEND WHATEVER IT TAKES.

“Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two pieces of silver and told him to take care of the man. 'If his bill runs higher than that,' he said, 'I'll pay the difference the next time I am here.'” Luke 10:34b-35