

# NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## SELFLESSNESS TAKES HEART

### SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon challenges the church to embrace a lifestyle of selflessness by looking to Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:25–37 and the parable of the Good Samaritan. It emphasizes that following Christ means moving beyond a culture of self-preservation to intentionally notice, love, and serve others. Ultimately, the message reminds listeners that lasting acts of compassion begin with a heart that has been transformed by God.

### KEY POINTS

- Jesus calls us to love our neighbors through selfless action, not just good intentions.
- Selflessness begins when we choose compassion over convenience.
- Selfish people are always looking for the line. Selfless people are always looking for the opportunity.
- Selfish people only focus on themselves. Selfless people see a need.
- Selfless people take responsibility.
- Loving people often requires sacrifice of our time, comfort, and resources.
- The Good Samaritan demonstrates that our "neighbor" is anyone God places in front of us, regardless of differences.
- The church becomes the hope of its community when every believer lives a selfless life like Jesus.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **In what ways do you find yourself acting more like the priest or Levite than the Good Samaritan, and why?**
2. **What keeps you from stopping to help people who are hurting—fear, busyness, inconvenience, or something else?**
3. **How has Jesus shown you selfless love, and how should that shape the way you treat others?**
4. **Who has God placed in your life right now that may need practical compassion from you this week?**

5. **What's one specific act of selflessness you can commit to this week that would reflect the love of Christ to someone else?**