

IN THE WORLD • ON THE ROAD

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Welcome to the final session of our spring season. Over the past few weeks we have been discussing what it means to be “In the world.” It’s been a special season at Kalēo. Relationships have been strengthening as we’ve gathered around circles like this one. Together we have been challenged, inspired, and well, some of us even corrected and led to a deeper commitment to follow Jesus.

The following statements summarize our time together:

- We are called, not to assimilation or isolation, but to be on mission.
- As followers of Jesus, we must learn to see the world through the lens of the gospel
- We should not just say, but also live out our “*amen!*”
- We must submit our *implicit biases* to Jesus, and follow Him into “Samaria,” ready to reach out and extend love to “the other.”
- We must observe the Sabbath by stopping and lifting.
- We must follow Jesus closely, and as he rescues somebody, we must be ready and willing to help him carry the rescued.

1. How were you personally challenged this series?

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Read Luke 10:25-29 carefully.

2. How is identifying whom “the neighbor” is an attempt to find a loophole?

Rather than answering the question, “who is my neighbor?” Jesus proceeds to tell a story about what it means to *be* a neighbor. (Verses 30-36) And to the surprise of the listeners, the hero in the story ends

up being a mixed-breed reject who comes to the victim aid, and full of compassion offers healing and restoration. The hero, the Samaritan, is Jesus Himself. He is the ultimate neighbor.

The story has a few other characters:

- The Victim
- The Robbers
- The Priest & Levite

3. Can you think of a time in your life when you've been one or more of these characters?

In the story, the Samaritan takes the victim into an *Inn*. (V. 34)

4. How does the *Inn* represent the church?

Finally, and often ignored, we have another character that played a fundamental role in this story. The animal. The donkey. (V. 34) His achievement was simple, yet profound. He walked close to the Samaritan, and when his master rescued a victim, he helped him carry the wounded.

The Good Samaritan continues to rescue the wounded today. And donkeys, well, they still follow...

5. What does this mean to you? Have you heard the voice of the Good Samaritan saying, "I am rescuing _____, will you help me carry them?"

CHALLENGE: Go around the circle and share what you personally commit to in light of what God taught you during this series.