

# who's your **1**ONE?

## Who's Your One: WEEK 1

1. Spring is here, start by sharing your favorite part of spring and what you are looking forward to as the weather warms up?
2. **Read Luke 10:25-35, 10:29** says this about the teacher of the law: *"But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"* In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves in order to avoid taking the Great Commandment literally? In what ways are you tempted to make a "neighbor" into a metaphor, rather than to love those in your neighborhood or sphere of influence? **(Jesus was trying to get the Jewish people to see outside their ethnic boundaries by showing that ANYONE can be their neighbor. Jewish people were already good at caring for their actual neighbors so Jesus was giving them the "graduate level" definition. We tend to do the opposite in our culture. Since we mostly agree that everyone is our neighbor, we tend to neglect our geographic neighbors and give the word neighbor a more metaphorical definition. It is critical that we understand that Jesus calls us to love our actual neighbors. It is important for this to soak in since this will be a shift in thinking for many people. As long as people define neighbor as a metaphor, they will justify neglecting their geographic neighbors.)**
3. **Read Luke 10:25-35**, as you reread and discuss each of the men that Jesus describes passing the beaten man, how have you been a Levite or a priest? What things in your life cause you to pass by people rather than engage them with compassion?
4. Have you ever done something for someone that was outside of your "normal" out of compassion (an overwhelming love that moved you to care)? Share with each other.
5. What would happen if everyone made it a point to know and befriend their literal neighbors?
6. Do you have an idea who your ONE is at this point? Think through all of your relationships, your actual neighbors, your coworkers, your cashiers, your family and friends, who is God calling you to

### Final Thought

Who is the one person that you can love into the Kingdom of Heaven?