eGroup Questions

October 6, 2019

Verse: Luke 10:25-37

PRAY

Begin your group study with an opening prayer. Acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit, who serves as a teacher as you gather.

REVIEW

What truth did you discover in the previous lesson? Did it transform how you live your life in any way? Even if it was small.

CONNECT

In this lesson, we are looking at our calling to love and serve those around us, no matter how difficult or broken they may be. As a group, share your thoughts on the following questions.

Have you ever loved or served someone at a big personal cost? Who was that person? What made you decide to help them? What did the cost look like? How did it make you feel? Looking back, would you change anything?

OBSERVE

Read your selected passage out loud as a group. While you read, take note of details, words, or phrases that jump off the page. Take a moment to share your findings with the group.

DISCUSS

- Notice in vs 27 that a Lawyer questions Jesus about inheriting eternal life. How does the context change, knowing it's a lawyer doing the questioning? Would Jesus' answer change if it were a different person?
- Following the Lawyers questions about eternal life, Jesus tells a parable? Why at this moment? And why a parable? What does it mean to the people listening? What about the disciples listening in?
- In vs 33, a Samaritan becomes the main character of the parable. Jews and Samaritans generally hated each other. What would this detail say to the Jewish Lawyer listening? How about the Jewish readers later in the first century? Does this mean anything to Jesus' disciples, especially those who are of Jewish background?
- Jesus ends this exchange by challenging the Lawyer to "go and do likewise." What was Jesus' final challenge to the Lawyer? How do you think the Lawyer responded?
- What does it look like for us to practically respond to this challenge? Do you feel this is still doable today in our culture? Do you feel the church lives up to Jesus' challenge? Are there ways we can grow better? What are the barriers we often run into when reaching out to love and serve people?

MAIN IDEA

In one to three sentences, summarize your main take-away from this lesson. Share your thoughts with the group.

PRAY

Now that you have finished your study, take this opportunity to pray together as a group. Feel free to collect any prayer needs from the group members.