



Message Notes

Week 3: Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

Welcome to our new series, "Parables"! This series coincides with our upcoming Vacation Bible School, July 24-28. We want to offer a shared experience for you and your kids and grandkids.

Big Idea for this week:

Spending _____ with others is how we _____.

1. Caring for others isn't always _____, spend time anyway.

2. Caring for others has a _____, spend time anyway.

3. Caring for others may not be _____, spend time anyway.

How do we care for others well?

1. Value _____ over difference

2. Value _____ over self

Big idea: time / care // 1. convenient / 2. cost / 3. comfortable // How: 1. likeness / 2. others

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What stuck out to you about this week's parable? Why do you think Jesus chose to make the Samaritan the hero of the story? How do you think the Pharisees and the teachers of the law would have felt about it?

2. How do you feel about spending time with people? Is that something that comes easily to you? Do you think spending time with people is a spiritual habit? Do you think caring for others or showing compassion is a spiritual discipline? Why or why not?

3. All humans are made in the image of God, even the ones who "aren't like us", so to speak. How do we as Jesus followers move out of our comfort zones to truly be a good neighbor to others? What if those neighbors don't "check all the boxes"? What do we do then? How do we get back "on mission"?

4. How is God speaking to you today? Who is He calling you to spend time with today? Who is He calling you to show you care?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for the parable You taught in Your Word. Thank You for the people you have put in our path to spend time with and to show we care. Help us to serve others with so we can bear good fruit in Your Name. Amen.

We hope to see you next week as we conclude our series, "Parables". We will focus on Luke 15, the Parables of the Lost Coin, Sheep, and Son.