

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

No fuzzy love here. The parable of the Good Samaritan drills down on tangible love in action.

GETTING STARTED

1. Do you think it's hard to care for the people who live close by? Why or why not?

BIBLE IDEA

2. Read Luke 10:25-37. Name the three people who passed the injured man. What excuses might have been used to explain why two of the three didn't stop to help the man? Talk about the cultural issues of that day & compare to present day.
3. Read I John 4:20-21. Talk about the comparison between 'loving God' and 'loving others'. What are some real life examples of what 'loving others' looks like?
4. Read I John 3:16-18. What specific caution does John give the believer? What action step does John clearly give anyone who follows Jesus?
5. Read John 15:12-13. Jesus commands us to love each other by _____ . Would this be hard for someone to do who is not fully submitted to Jesus? Why or why not?

NEXT STEPS

6. **BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR as a church.** Think of some ways you and your group will volunteer together during the upcoming Balloon Fest on the River City campus.
7. **BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR as a family.** This week, choose one neighbor in your community **to love on and care for** in a significant way. Share how you will do this.