



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 1 - SEPTEMBER 21 & 24

LEADER INFO:

****Please reach out to new people as they sign up for your group. If you get an email about someone signing up log into your ccb group page and look under Participants.

****Please take attendance each week through your email reminder or the Community Church Builder Group Leader app.

**** If you do not have your new Resource Guide please pick one up at the Welcome Desk at each campus.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Churchwide Serve Day - On October 21, we as a church are going to be taking over Jacksonville to serve and love our neighbors. We have over 3,000 needs all over Jacksonville to love our neighbor. We are encouraging Disciple Groups to come up with an opportunity in their area where they can be a blessing. Go to coe22.com/serveday to sign up for a need already there or submit a new one.

TEXTS: LUKE 10:25-37, LUKE 14:12-14

THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

Our new series is Love Your Neighbor which focuses on responding to the Gospel by loving others. In week 1 Pastor Joby taught on the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 and how our neighbor is whoever God puts in our path. Loving those easy to love and easily accepted is a limited view of love. Jesus sacrificed His life to love us and we are called to sacrifice to love others.

THE POINT: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR IS THE WRONG QUESTION. IT LIMITS LOVE. BE NEIGHBORLY TO WHOMEVER GOD PUTS IN YOUR PATH.

TEACHING & DIALOGUE

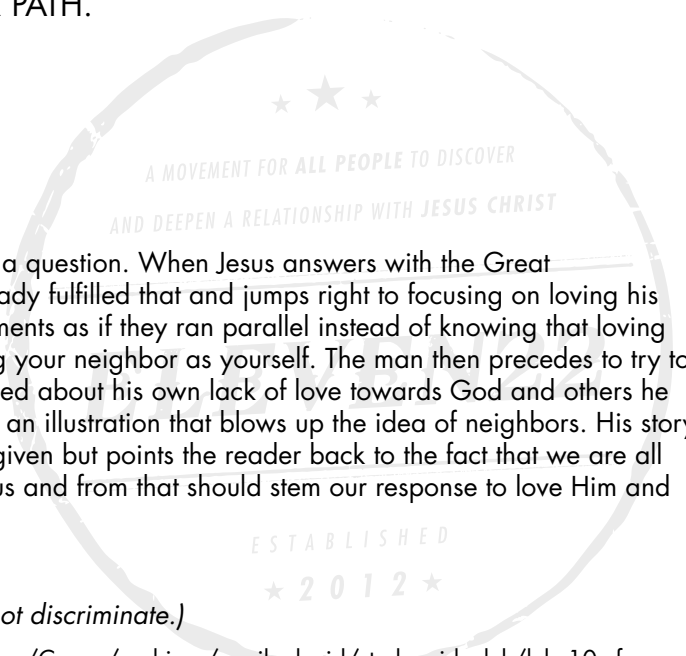
Have someone read Luke 10:25-37 out loud.

In this text the lawyer makes several mistakes when asking Jesus a question. When Jesus answers with the Great Commandment written in Scripture the man assumes he has already fulfilled that and jumps right to focusing on loving his neighbor. He assumes and then he separates the two commandments as if they ran parallel instead of knowing that loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength results in loving your neighbor as yourself. The man then precedes to try to pinpoint what actually a "neighbor" is. Instead of being concerned about his own lack of love towards God and others he just wants to know the minimum requirement. Jesus answers with an illustration that blows up the idea of neighbors. His story of the Samaritan not only illustrates how compassion should be given but points the reader back to the fact that we are all the Samaritan. God showed his mercy and compassion first on us and from that should stem our response to love Him and our neighbor.¹

1. What does this text tell us about God's character?

(God is a merciful and compassionate God. He does not discriminate.)

1 David Guzik. Study Guide for Luke 10. https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/archives/guzik_david/studyguide_luk/luk_10.cfm (accessed September 19, 2017).



- Why was it pretentious for the lawyer to think he had the commandment to love God all figured out and accomplished?
(Loving God with your heart, soul, mind, and strength is an everyday process of repentance. It takes humility to understand what God has done for you and to respond rightly.)
- Who has God recently put new in your path? How can you love them?
(Start with calling them and inviting them to sit down and talk)

Have someone read Luke 14:12-14 out loud.

Jesus shows us that our lives are not about us. God is definitely FOR us but His Gospel is not ABOUT us. His great love compels us to love people who are not easy to love or who can never repay us. This will definitely require sacrifice but it will be worth it.

- How can you show love to your physical neighbors?
(Maybe start with introducing yourself...)
- What does your circle of friends look like? How can you build relationships with people that are not like you?
(Diversity is beautiful and we have to be intentional to get to know people not like us. We are called to love those who don't know Christ and love them enough to share the truth with them.)
- Who are you prone to forget about or exclude in your life?
(Why do you think this is? Have you discussed this with God before?)

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



- CULTIVATE MINISTRY
- PUT DOWN ROOTS
- PLANT THE GOSPEL
- SOW GOSPEL SEED



BEFORE ALL THINGS

1. Sign up for Serve Day: (See the Group Announcements above)

We would love for your Disciple Group to come up with your own need for the Serve Day. Look around your neighborhoods and see who needs help. You can submit your idea at coe22.com/serveday

2. Throw a party and invite your "new neighbors".

DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY
A disciple is someone who...

