

Visions of Harvest
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Answering Correctly
"Who Is My Neighbor?"
Luke 10:25-37

"...so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"
Luke 10: 29

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Introduction

Jesus often used stories to define and communicate deep spiritual truth. To identify one's neighbor He told the story of "The Good Samaritan."

Interpretation

My neighbor is anyone whose need I _____.

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Application

- Build a _____.
- Light your space with _____.

Going Deeper

1. Jesus says, that obedience to two commands (Luke 10:27-28) will result in “inheriting eternal life.” Is it possible to keep these two commandments? What would be the alternate plan?
2. What reasons might the Priest and/or Levite (10:30-37) have for failing to help a person in need? How might that translate into our own lives today?
3. What is true of the Priest and Levite that was also true of the Samaritan? What distinguishing quality did the Good Samaritan display that identified him as a neighbor?
4. Jesus describes a neighbor as someone you meet along life’s road who needs your help. When you “pass by on the other side” how do you feel? When you show pity and compassion, what does it look like?
5. During this week’s Sunday message we were challenged to erect a lighthouse to illuminate our neighborhood with the presence of Jesus. Is it possible to pray a prayer of blessing for those touched by the rays of your lighthouse and nothing happen? Someone wrote: “things will happen as you pray that wouldn’t have happened if you hadn’t prayed.” Will your prayers really make a difference? Compare your answer to James 5:16.
6. What “blessing” could you pray for a stranger that is within 50 yards of your group right now?
7. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. What do you see that would affect your prayer life?

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