

## **THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

*Luke 10:25-37*

### **MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK**

1. THE ESSENCE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN IS TO LOVE
2. THE LOVE THAT GOD REQUIRES IS SELFLESS
3. WE NEED TO ACCEPT THAT WE CAN'T JUSTIFY OURSELVES
4. WE NEED TO ENCOUNTER A LIFE CHANGING LOVE

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group**

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. The first main idea this week was that "the essence of what it means to be human is to love." Who is the person in your life who loves you the most? What is some of the evidence that convinces you of their love?
3. One of the main ideas from the Parable of the Good Samaritan is that "The love that God requires is selfless." Look back over Luke 10:30-37 as a group and list out the different selfless aspects of the Samaritan's love. Which aspect of his love is most impactful to you?
4. In order for selfless love to develop in us we need to accept that we can't justify ourselves. What are your strategies for trying to justify yourself?
5. We can't love like the good Samaritan until we realize that we aren't the hero. We need to see that we are the man in the ditch in need of saving. We need to encounter the life changing love of God. Think back over history and your own life. What evidence do you see of God's love?
6. **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Take some time as a group to talk about what it really means to "love your neighbor." Discuss where we get that kind of love for others, why it's important and how that love might look in your neighborhoods, families and friend groups.