

UNCOMMON GOOD: SERVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

Luke 10:25-37

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IS CENTRAL TO WHO WE ARE
2. SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IS A TANGIBLE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S VISION FOR HUMANITY
3. SOME PRACTICAL IDEAS:
 - PRAY
 - LOOK FOR SMALL WAYS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN FRONT OF YOU
 - DON'T ALLOW YOUR NEEDS TO DICTATE YOUR ABILITY TO SERVE
 - STAY CURIOUS

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. In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus shows us that our neighbor is whoever God happens to put in our path. Who has God put in your path recently? How might you serve them?
3. When we serve our neighbors like God calls us to it can lead us into a deeper intimacy and understand of God. Have you ever encountered God in a new way as a result of you serving outside of your comfort zone? What was it like?
4. Our own needs, burdens or insecurities can often keep us from serving others. What are the things in your life that keep you from serving? What has helped you keep serving even when it was difficult or inconvenient? How do we serve sacrificially without burning out?
5. This week we looked at four practical ideas for serving our neighbors. Which one could you spend some time focusing on this week?
6. Emperor Julian of Rome saw Christians transforming the Roman Empire and he said the reason for this change was that Christians were "promiscuous" in their charity toward strangers. How do you tend to view beautiful examples of Christian service throughout history (i.e. inspiring, overwhelming, unrealistic, etc.)? What do you think is a healthy way to reflect on and learn from Christians who've gone before us?
7. **PRAY:** One of the practical ideas that Aaron suggested as a way for us to love our neighbors is to pray for them. Take some time as a group to share prayer requests for those that God has put in your path and pray for them as a group.

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: In order to serve like Jesus has called us to serve we have to have experienced the limitless love of Jesus.