

Small Group Guide
Instructions for Disciples
#2 – Love Your Neighbor
Luke 10:25-37
October 31-November 1, 2009

- 1] How is God changing your life?
- 2] In your neighborhood, who is the most neighborly?

Observe

- 3] Describe the actions of the people mentioned in this drama:
[An expert in the law, Jesus, a man, robbers, a priest, a Levite, a Samaritan, the innkeeper].
- 4] Try to draw a diagram representing their relationships to each other.

Reflect

- 5] Jesus answers the expert's question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" by directing attention to relationship with neighbors. What is the relation of "inherit eternal life" [relationship with God] to the parable of the Good Samaritan [relationship with our neighbor]?
- 6] Relate this passage [Luke 10:25-37] to this insights found in I John 4:7-12 and Deuteronomy 6:4-5.
- 7] Create your own modern parable of The Good Samaritan and share it with your small group:

"A man was going down from _____ to _____, when he fell into the hands of ["robbers"] _____.

They _____ ["stripped him of this clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead"].

A ["priest"] _____ happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw them an, he ["walked by on the other side"] _____.

So too, a ["Levite"] _____ when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a ["Samaritan"] _____, as he traveled, came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and ["bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him."]

The next day he took out ["two silver coins"] _____ and ["gave them to the innkeeper"] _____. "look after him", he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

8] How has Jesus shown Himself to be the Good Samaritan to you?

Act

9] What is your next step in following Jesus?

10] Who could you help to take their next step in following Jesus?