

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
Do This & Live
Luke 10:25-37



Big Idea

Knowing How and Who is Walking with Jesus is Key to Being an Example for Others!

1. It's important to know how to walk with Jesus.
2. It's important to know who is walking with Jesus.
3. It's important to be an example to others walking with Jesus.

Introduction

Think of a "neighbor" who was difficult to get along with or you just did not like. How did you treat them? Did you ever show them mercy?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 10:25-37

Why might the expert in the law have asked Jesus the question he did (vs 25) when it appears he knows the answer? Why is Jesus' question back to him appropriate based on who he is talking to?

Why is verse 27, according to Jesus the correct answer to the expert's question? Is Jesus saying salvation is by works? Why or why not? How does this relate to the gospel?

The first word in verse 29, “*but*” tells us there is a contrast between Jesus’ answer and what the expert wanted to hear. Why do you think he wanted to justify himself? What answer might he have expected (or hoped) Jesus would give? When might we seek to “*justify*” our actions or motivations in our daily lives?

What do you find ironic in the story Jesus told (vs 30-35)? Why? What would Jesus experience at Jerusalem (remember 9:51) that might influence this story?

Why do you think the priest and the Levite passed by the man on the road (think of 2 or 3 possibilities)? How might this example relate to us in today’s culture?

Jesus goes into great detail on how the Samaritan cared for the man. What things that we can learn about showing mercy from these details?

Why might Jesus’ command to the expert (vs 37) proved difficult for him? What are the connections between loving God, loving others and salvation (eternal life vs. 25)?

Who do you think Jesus identifies himself with in the story? Why? How might you use this scripture to share the gospel with someone?

Next Steps

Identify 3 “neighbors” that come to your mind, some you get along with and some that are a challenge.

This week, do something for a “difficult neighbor” that shows them mercy.

This week, demonstrate your love for God through how you treat others.

Prayer

Thank Jesus for the people in your life who have shown you mercy when you needed it the most. Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.