

WEEK 3 | NEIGHBORS
LUKE 10:25-37



We're doing a short mini-series in Luke 9-10. The first 8 chapters of Luke ask the question, "Who is Jesus?" In chapters 9-10 the focus shifts to, "Who are we called to be in light of who he is?"

- 1.) Read Luke 10:25-37. What stands out to you as significant, challenging or confusing from this passage?
- 2.) Why do you think the lawyer wants to "put Jesus to the test"? (see John 8:6)
- 3.) The lawyer sums up the law in verses 26-27. How do you feel when you read that as the standard for pleasing God? How should we respond when we see that our life doesn't match up to this? How does the lawyer respond in verse 29?
- 4.) Churches get the term "mercy ministry" from this story (especially verse 37). What does the Good Samaritan teach us about mercy ministry?
- 5.) What's the significance of Jesus telling the story with the Samaritan as the hero and the Israelite on the road in need of help?
- 6.) Jesus' story is a way of explaining what it means to "love your neighbor as yourself." Since that is part of the summary of God's law, this means meeting concrete needs through sacrificial deeds is not an "add on," but something that is crucial to Christian living. How can you work this out in your life?
- 7.) What is God calling you to apply to your life from this passage?
(Note: A great first step is to think about who is your path that needs help. Who do you know that is struggling financially, or with loneliness or addiction, or just having a hard time. Think of someone specific you can begin to reach out to in a practical way)