

Prayer

May 21, 2017

Read

Getting Familiar with God's Word

- Slowly read Luke 10:25-37 two times

Reflect

Taking God's Word into our Hearts

- Which part of this passage stands out to you as you read it and why?

Pray

Responding to God's Word in Prayer

- Take several minutes and speak to the Lord about what in this passage stood out most to you and why.

Rest

Finding Wholeness in God's Word

- Take the last few minutes of your time in prayer to let your heart and mind rest on the call to "You go and do likewise."

Small Groups

Checking In

Welcoming and Warming Up (For Small Groups)

- Practicing Hospitality: Was there ever a time where someone surprising showed you compassion, if so how?
- Group Rules: A Training in Love (1 Timothy 1:5)
 - a. Do's and Don'ts of Listening
 - b. Confidentiality

Prayerfulness

Continuously Remaining in God's Love

- Read Luke 10:25-37

- In what ways did God speak to you through his Word and Spirit in this week's worship service?

Wisdom

Cherishing and Discerning the Truth in Love

- Read Jonah 4:1-4. The story of the prophet Jonah draws to a close with him being angry at God because of how "gracious and merciful" he is, particularly toward the hated Ninevites. In other words Jonah's problem with God is that he has shown compassion to a people that Jonah hates, and it makes Jonah angry. Jonah and the lawyer in Luke 10 have a very similar problem of a lack of compassion. Are there people in your life whom you lack compassion for? If so, why?
- Read Exodus 23:9; Deuteronomy 27:19; Malachi 3:5. These along with many other passages in the Old Testament give clear instruction and a window into God's heart for the "foreigner/alien" in the midst of God's people. How might these passages inform our conduct in our day regarding refugees both in our midst and abroad?

Compassion

Moving Toward the Poor, Marginalized, and Broken in Love

- What would it look like for you to engage in serving and caring for refugees both locally and abroad in your life?

Reconciliation

Repentance and Forgiveness for the Sake of Love

- Are there prejudices you have held against certain people groups that God is calling you to repent of?

Checking Out

Blessing and Sending Out (For Small Groups)

- What stood out to you about our group time tonight (1-2 sentences each)?
- Close in prayer and read Luke 10:34-35