



## STARTS SMALL

## I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: *What goals do you have for your finances? What would a living a generous life look like for you? Spend time this week praying over these questions and anything you may be struggling with.*

## V. PRAYER REQUESTS

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

II. SCRIPTURE **Luke 10:25-37**

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?" He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.'

What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## IV. CHALLENGE

Treat living a generous life as a journey rather than a sudden decision. Take one step closer towards living a generous life this week.

## III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Is there anything new that stands out to you in the scripture this week?
- What can you learn about living a generous life from this Samaritan man?
- Pastor Fernie points out 3 areas of growth for the Samaritan. The first was stopping to tend to the man's wounds, the second was taking him to an inn, and the third was paying the innkeeper and his willingness to pay for any extra expenses.
  - Have you ever been in a situation where you realized you could do more but didn't? What kept you from being more generous?
  - Have you ever been in a situation where you became more and more generous as time went on? Why did you?

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