



EXPECTS NOTHING IN RETURN

I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's 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.*

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

In light of Pastor Fernie not feeding the man at the restaurant, keep an eye out for opportunities to live a generous life towards others. .

III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Is there anything new that stands out to you from the scripture this week?
- Consider a time when you have lived generously towards someone. Would you have been as generous if you didn't know the person, or you knew that the person would not be able to return the favor?
- Pastor Fernie mentions a couple of reasons that are used to ask people to be generous. (Ex. You give because you get more in return; it is good for tax purposes; because the Bible tells us so). Which of these (if any) have you been led to believe in the past? What was the outcome of this way of thinking?
- In the end, we are challenged to live a generous life because it is one way to put our love for God into action. How does this explanation change your view/understanding of hospitality?

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