



GO AND DO LIKEWISE

I. CHECK-IN

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

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

Think about how you will be generous this coming year to help Mid City Church bring about heaven on earth.

III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Is there anything new that stands out to you from the scripture this week?
- This SermonCast summarizes the lessons from the last several weeks. Which of these stands out to you? Why?
- There is a difference between knowing that we need to help bring about heaven and actually going and doing the work. How can you "go and do likewise" in the world?
- When we work to bring about heaven on earth, we inspire others to do the same. (1) Have you ever been inspired by someone else's actions? Share that experience.
- Pastor Fernie shared about how he was inspired to be generous after seeing a houseless person be fed. What things can you do to inspire people around you in the same way? Visit www.midcity.church and click on the generosity tab to fill out a commitment card.

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