



## Community Group Leader Guide Week 3

The Good Samaritan is hard to over emphasize (even though we try). For this week, consider with your groups the time involved in helping others. The Good Samaritan goes significantly out of his way too help. When we are so busy with our jobs and families and activities (all of which are good), we can easily justify not helping the person on the side of the road because of our other priorities. What would it look like in our communities, neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, etc, if we lived together like the Good Samaritan?

### Schedule

1. Gather & Eat (30 mins)
2. Welcome & Icebreaker (5-10 mins)
3. Discussion (30-40 mins)
4. Closing & Prayer (5-10 mins)

### Ice Breaker

What would your intro music be?

### Questions

1. What does it look like when people serve out of obligation rather than from their heart?
2. How do you justify not loving or serving others?
3. What types of things do you devote yourself to that distract you from following Jesus?
4. Are there people in your neighborhood (neighbors, coworkers, etc) that you are reluctant to serve?
5. What makes you afraid to love your neighbor in the way Jesus teaches?
6. When is a time someone was a good neighbor to you?
7. Where do you find it easy to extend the kind of compassion the good samaritan extends? Where do you find it difficult?
8. What would need to change in you to get past those difficulties?
9. How can you live out the story of the good samaritan this week?
10. How would your life and the lives of others be impacted by this kind of compassion?

### Notes

- Make sure new people are welcomed. Remember that for the new person, it might be very intimidating to come into a group of people who already know each other.
- Review this guide and the Facilitator Guide/Questions (pg. 57-59) before your night.
- Use the prayer prompt from the Facilitator Guide for your prayer time at the end.

### Announcements

- Remind everyone about your prayer experience day.
- Tell your Group to save Saturday March 16 as a probable "Serve Together" day.