



Our Mission

October 25th, 2026

LEAN IN

Think about your neighborhood, workplace, school, or community. Who might be easy for you to overlook or avoid because of differences in background, beliefs, politics, or circumstances?

Share about a time someone showed you unexpected kindness. How did it affect you?

LOOK UP

Read Luke 10:25–37

Make some observations about this passage (What does the text say?)

- What do you notice about the actions of the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan?
- What stands out to you about the Samaritan's response to the injured man?
- What questions do you have about this passage?

Make some interpretations (What does the passage mean?)

- What do you learn about God and the kind of love He desires from His people?
- What does the religious expert's question, "And who is my neighbor?" reveal about the human heart?
- Why do you think Jesus made a Samaritan the example of a good neighbor?

Now make some applications (What's my response?)

- Where are you tempted to walk past someone in need rather than get involved?
- What would it look like to turn compassion into action in your everyday life?

- How does Jesus' command, "Go and do likewise," challenge the way you treat people who are different from you?

Additional Scripture

- Read Philippians 3:20–21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18–20.
- How should your identity as a citizen of heaven shape the way you engage with your community and people with whom you disagree?
- Paul calls believers ambassadors for Christ. What might someone learn about Jesus by watching the way you speak, listen, disagree, and serve others?
- Who is currently in the margins of your life, and what is one practical way you can move toward that person this week?

Prayer

Pray through these themes together:

- **Identity:** Thank Jesus that our ultimate citizenship is in heaven and ask Him to shape our priorities and values.
- **Compassion:** Ask God to help us see people beyond political, social, and economic differences.
- **Action:** Pray for those in the margins of our community and ask God to show us specific ways to serve them.
- **Reconciliation:** Ask the Holy Spirit to help us speak truth with love, pursue justice with mercy, and represent Jesus faithfully in a divided world.

STEP OUT

Choose one or two ways to put this message into practice this week:

1. **See Someone:** Serve Someone: Take one tangible step to meet a need. Share a meal, give generously, help a struggling family, or serve through a Gateway ministry or community outreach.
2. **Be an Ambassador:** In one difficult conversation or relationship, choose curiosity over assumptions, humility over contempt, and love over winning an argument.

Challenge for the Week: Don't just ask, "Who is my neighbor?" Ask, "How can I become a neighbor to someone who needs the love of Jesus?"