

Weekly Message Study Guide

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The Jericho Road | Resourceful Relationships | Week 2 | September 20

Luke 10:25-30

These study guides are designed for individual or group study but highly encouraged to be experienced in community with a small group or other friends on the journey with Jesus.

Context:

- Start out this week by reading Luke 10:25-30 out loud.
- Then read it again from a different translation than you normally would: NIV, NLT, The Message, ESV?

Reflect:

- As you've gone down life's road, have you ever been robbed in any way? Share a time where have you felt robbed in life literally or figuratively. What did it do to your faith? Attitude? Relationships, especially with your family and Jesus?
- How often do you help others who have been robbed literally or figuratively? Do you notice them? Share a story where God helped you notice, how did you respond, or did you?
- Conversely, how have you been resourced? To what extent have you had people who loved you; steadily provided good food, clothing, and shelter for you; protected you from violence or abuse; advocated for you; instructed you in important mental models and life skills; modeled emotional intelligence toward you; opened up doors of opportunity and advancement to you; exemplified faith and faithfulness for you? What has been the impact of such resourcing on you life and faith development? Use specific examples as you share.
- What would it be like to be a child who did not grow up in a stable family; who often went without adequate food and other material support; whose local school was substandard; whose neighborhood was desolate of normal businesses; whose streets were stalked by violent robbers; whose family members were incarcerated, financially struggling, or substance-dependent? What would be the impact on your life and faith? What's the likelihood that you would escape that world versus become the next wave of it?

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- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., writes, "We are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside...but one day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that a system that produces beggars needs to be repaved. We are called to be the Good Samaritan, but after you lift so many people out of the ditch you start to ask, maybe the whole road to Jericho needs to be repaved."
- Reflecting on the above thoughts from Dr. King, how can Christians act creatively to intersect people "upstream" of the places on the road where what they need to function, in a healthy, hopeful way, is either stolen from them or not provided to them?

Practice of the Week:

AND AGAIN...Walk your neighborhood - but this week, as you walk listen to Luke 10:25-37 on your favorite Bible app. Notice what stands out to you in your neighborhood as you listen to the Scriptures and you walk. Be fully present and don't take things for granted that you've think you've seen before. Like last week, seek to experience your neighborhood anew. As you walk pray for your neighbors. Those you know and those you don't know. Those who are easy to get a long with and those who might take a little more care. Pray for all of them and then listen. Listen for where God is working and act accordingly. We'd love to hear your experience of this, share on our [FaceBook Grow Page](#) or email Pastor Eric Haskins: ehaskins@ChristChurch.us