

Text: Luke 10: 25 – 37

1. How did Pastor David's message impact you? What are your personal applications? What questions did the message raise?
2. How have you experienced the benefits of someone else's mercy? Have you ever taken revenge on someone? How have you shown mercy to someone when you wanted to take revenge instead?
3. What perimeters does Christ put on who "your neighbor" is? Who would qualify as someone who is not "your neighbor"? What does this conclude about how we, as Christ's followers, should treat people?
4. "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'" [vs.25 ESV] What does the story of the "Good Samaritan" have to do with salvation?
5. Is mercy an indicator of whether a person is saved or not? As a group, bat this around for a bit and work at coming to a conclusion. Remember "means" and "indicators" are two different things!
6. What ways could you as a group take on a mercy-driven project over the holiday seasons just ahead? Brainstorm and then land on a "mercy" project. Make a plan and follow through for heaven's sake!

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Further Biblical texts to think about before you meet for your Small Group:
Isaiah 30:15-18; Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 4:1; Ephesians 2:4-7; 1 Peter 1:3-5;
Matthew 23:23-24; Romans 11:29-36