

THE KING WE NEED

Discussion Guide:

Love Your Neighbor...Yes, That Neighbor

Passage: Luke 10:25-37

Summary: A priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan walk into a bar....wait, wrong joke. But they do each walk down a road and encounter a Jewish man on the edge of death. Jesus' story of how they respond reveals what it means to truly love God and love our neighbor.

Discussion Questions

1. When we live in a shame-based system, we're always wondering "Am I okay?" This is because our worth in this system depends on our actions or performance. What are shame-based systems you've lived in? How did they measure your worth?
2. What was the lawyer really asking Jesus? (Key- see vs. 29) How have you tried to answer the question, "Am I okay?" in your own life?
3. Who did everyone think would be the hero of Jesus' story? After Jesus shocked everyone with the real hero, who did the lawyer realize he was most like in the story?
4. Jesus' goal was not that we would try to be "Good Samaritans", but that we would realize we are more like the half-dead man on the side of the road. How does that change how you hear this story and what are the implications for your life is that's true?
5. How does this free you to love the outsider, or even the enemy, as Jesus invites the lawyer to do?

Take time to pray for one another and ask Jesus to help you follow Him.