

Stuff Jesus Made Up: Lost and Found

This is the opportunity for your group will discover what God might be saying to you out of the weekend experience, and how you can respond through a group discussion.

*This guide is designed to help you create meaningful conversations. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you the most from the weekend message?
- 2. Why did that stand out to you most? What do you think God might be trying to say? (It's ok if you're just guessing. This will give you some space to process what it might be.)

Read Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers? "The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Click here for Luke 10: 25-37 if needed)

3. Jesus shares this parable to reveal some things about his character. How does the parable help you understand Jesus?

This past weekend Curt said, "A heart of God, is a heart that breaks." Think about a time recently when your heart broke for someone. Let's answer some questions about this experience:

- 4. Share about the recent time when your heart "broke" for someone. What did you do? What moved you? What did it mean for you to sit in the pain long enough to feel it?
- 5. What stops you from reaching out to others or getting involved?
- 6. Who do you find difficult to love sacrificially and ongoing?

Read EZEKIEL 36:26

I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh.

7. As you think about these words from the Prophet Ezekiel, what do you believe God is wanting to reveal to you through this parable of The Good Samaritan?

Wrap It Up: Before you wrap up, share how you can pray for each other this week.

More from the Weekend:

Join us next weekend for part 3 of Stuff Jesus Made Up.