

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

Pastor Kevin explored one of Jesus' most famous parables—the Good Samaritan—revealing how it challenges our tendency to look for loopholes in love. The story begins with a lawyer asking Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, but his follow-up question reveals his real heart: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus responds with a story about a man beaten and left for dead on the dangerous Jericho Road. A priest and Levite pass by, choosing religious purity and personal safety over compassion. But a despised Samaritan stops, feels compassion, and goes above and beyond—bandaging wounds, providing transportation, paying for care, and taking personal responsibility. Jesus flips the question: it's not "Who qualifies as my neighbour?" but "Will I be a neighbour?" Pastor Kevin challenged us to see people as God sees them, show respect, elevate others, and recognize that the way of Jesus is the way of love—a way of sacrifice that notices, stops for, and serves those around us.

SHARE

Think of a time when someone went out of their way to help you when you really needed it. What did that act of kindness mean to you?

READ

Read **Luke 10:25-37** together out loud as a group.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What stood out to you the most about the sermon?

2. In Luke 10:29, the lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbour?" to justify himself. Looking at verses 36-37, how does Jesus reframe this question, and what does this shift reveal about the nature of biblical love and justice? How does this challenge our tendency to set boundaries on who deserves our compassion?

3. Read Luke 10:30-32 again. The priest and Levite both "passed by on the other side." Considering the purity laws and the dangerous context of the Jericho Road, what might have been going through their minds? How does this passage expose the tension between religious duty and genuine compassion? What does this teach us theologically about what God values most?

4. Pastor Kevin said, "Sometimes we are so busy serving God that we stop loving people." Can you think of a time when busyness, even in ministry or good things, kept you from noticing or helping someone in need? How can we guard against this?

5. The Samaritan "felt compassion" (Luke 10:33) and then acted sacrificially—using his own resources, time, and taking personal risk. Pastor Kevin challenged us to see people the way God sees them. Who in your life right now might God be calling you to see differently—perhaps someone who frustrates you, someone you've overlooked, or someone who seems "inconvenient"?

6. Pastor Kevin shared vulnerably about his own loneliness and need for deeper connection, even while having a great job, family, and friends. He asked, "What if you admitted that you were lonely?" How does vulnerability within the church community help us live out the way of love? What keeps us from being more vulnerable with one another?

7. Pastor Kevin gave homework: write down 1-3 people you normally pass by, and this week notice them, speak to them, and serve them if possible. Who came to mind for you as he said this? What specific step could you take this week to be a neighbour to them?

NEXT STEPS:

Notice, Speak, Serve: Write down 1-3 people you normally pass by this week. Commit to noticing them, speaking to them, and serving them if possible.

Practice Vulnerability: Identify one person in your small group or church community with whom you can be more honest about where you're struggling or feeling lonely.

Pray for Eyes to See: Each morning this week, ask God to give you eyes to see one person to connect with, check in on, or stop for as a "holy interruption."

PRAY:

Take time to pray together as a group:

- Pray for eyes to see people the way God sees them—especially those we might normally overlook or avoid.
- Pray for courage to stop and serve, even when it's inconvenient or costly.
- Pray for deeper vulnerability and authentic connection within your small group and church community.
- Pray for those in our neighbourhoods, workplaces, and schools who are experiencing loneliness—that God would use us to bring His love and presence to them.

CONNECT:

Stay connected with what's happening at Cornerstone! Check out **The Hub** for upcoming community events, workshops, and outreach opportunities where your group can serve together.

Consider if this is the right time to be a good neighbour to welcome in new members to your small group, look at **Be A Host Group**, and fill it out to invite new people

CLOSING:

The way of Jesus is the way of love. This week, may we be people who don't just ask "Who is my neighbour?" but who choose to be neighbours—stopping, seeing, and serving with the compassion of Christ.