



## **SUMMARY:**

At TC we believe that disciples of Jesus grow in 5 characteristics: worship, connect, serve, give, and invite. Throughout this series we will take a look at each of these characteristics so that we can discover how we can grow as Christ-followers. This is called spiritual formation or discipleship.

Two weeks ago, Pastor Derwin began explaining worship as loving God completely. Last week, he spoke about worshipping when we love ourselves correctly. This week's message is about how we grow by worshipping when we love our neighbors compassionately. Loving others is not optional. It is integral to understanding that all of life is worship. We are not the center of the universe. It is only after seeing Jesus at the center, the object of our worship, that we can rightly see ourselves as God sees us and see our neighbors as God sees them.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

*In Luke 10:29 an expert in religious law asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Take a moment to write out a list of your neighbors. Who are they? What do you know about them? What do they know about you?*

Read Luke 10:30-37.

- What happened to the Jewish traveler?
- What do you do when you see a fellow traveler in trouble? Are there people you're more/less likely to help?
- What excuses might the priest and temple assistant have used for their inaction?

Read Luke 10:33.

- What do you know about Samaritans?
- How was his reaction different than the others?
- If this story were told today, who might the characters be?
- What does this verse tell you about loving others that informs your worship of God?

Read Luke 10:34-35.

- What did it cost the Samaritan to care for the traveler?

- What does it cost you to love your neighbors?
- What does this willingness to pay the cost tell you about how God sees and values people you meet?

Read Luke 10:36-37

- Jesus concludes the parable with a question. What makes “mercy” a neighborly characteristic?
- Re-read verse 25-29. What was the initial question asked to Jesus that prompted the parable? How does inheriting eternal life connect to love of neighbor?
- Read Ephesians 2:4-5. Who extended mercy to you?
- To whom do you need to extend mercy?

**Soul Tattoo:** Love your neighbor compassionately.

**Action Step:** Pray for your neighbor and invite them to spend time with you.

*But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.*  
*Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV*

At Transformation Church, we have a disciple-making culture that you get to participate in as well. In fact, we need you to participate in it so that we can continue to make disciples together. Learn more about the 5 characteristics and your next step here:

<https://transformationchurch.tc/disciple-making-culture/>