

Be Family
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but
to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.

Use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

Psalm 68:6a (NIV)

God sets the lonely in families,^a

Luke 10:25-37 (MSG)

²⁵ *Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?"*

²⁶ *He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?"*

²⁷ *He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."*

²⁸ *"Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live."*

²⁹ *Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?"*

³⁰⁻³² *Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.*

³³⁻³⁵ *"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his*

donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

³⁶ *"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"*

³⁷ *"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.*

Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

1. **Becoming family costs you something**
2. **We keep praying for revival, and God is asking us to "revive -all"!**
3. **Family doesn't leave in the dark times**
4. **Family covers the expense**

Some are family by blood, and some by love. The Church is called to be family by love.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What does it mean to be "family by love and not by blood"? When you think of that type of person, who do you think of?
2. Read through the parable in Luke 10:25-37. The definition of "neighbor" in the Greek is "children of my people," or the practical meaning is "family." Review the man's original questions (vv.25, 29). How does Jesus's answer and subsequent story relate to the man's question. How do these connect?
3. What is this story calling us to become, to do? Be very practical in the answer.
4. Is it easy or challenging for you to "love like family"? Why do you think it's this way? What compels you? What challenges you to live this out?
5. We're all becoming something. What are you becoming? Pastor Michan gave many examples: more irritable, joyful, inclusive, standoffish, religious, gracious, patient, angry, generous, fearful of lack Give up to 3 answers that best describe you currently.
6. Has there been a time in your life when someone put the "expense" of your healing "on their bill," or someone who has stayed through the night season? Who has walked with you?

Who has willingly incurred part of the cost to see you find healing? What difference did it make?

7. Culturally, the Samaritan was a despised man, yet he was the true neighbor. Read Isaiah 53, a prophetic prophecy of Jesus, the most despised, who willingly gave all for us. When we consider what He has done for us, how can that affect the way we see others?
8. Is there someone in your life who needs you to be family by love, even if not by blood? Who? What will you do this week, if possible, to act up this?