



LIFEGROUPS

Series: We are FOR the Hurting

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Date: March 12 & 13, 2016

—[LET'S TALK]—

- What is one of the bravest, most courageous, or perhaps dangerous things you've ever done?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- When was a time you experienced being loved as a neighbor?
- How have you seen people treat their enemies?
- What do you think love looks like when loving an enemy or adversary?
- How far would you go in loving an enemy? Do you have any enemies to love?

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- Read Deuteronomy 10:12-19 and talk about loving others.
 1. As mentioned in this passage, who does God love and who does He ask us to love?
 2. How are verses 18-19 logically connected to 12-17?
 3. Why might God specifically mention loving *foreigners*?
 4. How significant is it that the Israelites were once foreigners? In what ways have you been a "foreigner" before? (hint: think beyond nationality)
- Read Galatians 5:4-6, Romans 12:9-21 and talk about faith and love.
 1. When considering actions of love, what is the only thing that counts?
 2. Why are faith and love connected? Can there be true love without faith?
 3. How far are we to go when loving those who don't necessarily love us back?
 4. Where does our ability to show love (our righteousness) come from?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Practice showing love to an enemy or a foreigner (someone who doesn't "fit in") this week. Make a list of people you might classify as an enemy: Republicans, Democrats, a rival at work, a difficult family member, etc. Or make a list of people who you might classify as a foreigner: An Indian family down the road, a socially awkward co-worker, someone with a disability, etc. Make up your mind to do something this week—even just a very small gesture if needed—that will speak love to the next person on your list that you encounter.

—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- Scriptures referenced: [Ps 10:8-12] - [Eze 34:2] - [Lk 6:35-36; 11:46] - [Jn 15:12-13]
- The question is not who is my neighbor but to whom must I become a neighbor?
- Love does not begin by defining a person: it *discovers* who they are.
- As Christ-like neighbors we move towards people, not away from them.
- As Christ-like neighbors we are willing to make sacrifices for others.
- I cannot be a Christ like neighbor towards others until I receive Jesus as my neighbor!

—[**NOTES**]—
