

Weekly Study Guide

The week of November 16, 2014

Daily Readings

Monday	Luke 10:25-37	Tuesday	Mark 10:17-21	Wednesday	1 John 3:16-18
Thursday	Colossians 3:15-17	Friday	1 Corinthians 13:1-7	Saturday	1 Corinthians 13:8-13

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *Serve the Lord*

Next week's readings: Ephesians 6:5-9

The good news about Jesus changes everything, even the very structures of our home and work relationships. Next week we'll read how Jesus changed work relationships in the 1st century and imagine together how Jesus can change the character of our work relationships today.

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Group Discussion

Connect

Today we're learning about loving our neighbors. Do you remember your literal neighbors from your childhood? What were they like?

Learn

We learned this week to think about our work as a way to love our neighbors. The word love can mean a lot of different things. Let's look at some Biblical passages that can help us think "Christianly" about love. **Read Luke 10:25-37**. The main point of Jesus' story was to expand our ideas about our neighbors, but this parable also says something about love.

- How does this story illustrate Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors?
- If you had to explain to someone what it means to love a neighbor, what would you tell them?
- We often think about love as a feeling. This parable says a lot more about actions than feelings. What kind of connections can there be between feeling love for a neighbor and acting lovingly toward a neighbor?

Another key Biblical passage about love is **1 John 3:16-18**.

- What does this passage say that love is?
- How did Jesus show love according to this passage?
- How do disciples of Jesus follow Jesus' example of love in this passage?
- How is love in this passage similar to or different from how we saw love in Luke 10?

Now let's think about how we can love our neighbors in our daily work.

- Who benefits from the work you do? Do you think that doing your work well can be an act of loving those neighbors?
- What about how you do your work. Can the way that you do your work be more or less loving - perhaps to those you work with or to those who receive the benefit of your work?

Apply

How is God using this lesson to speak to you?

- Is it helpful to recognize that your work is an opportunity to love your neighbor?
- Is God leading you to a next step in loving your neighbor through your work?

Pray

Pray for the people that you love and serve by means of your work.