

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Has a stranger ever helped you or a friend unexpectedly?

LEARN & APPLY

Read Luke 10:26-28.

- How much is loving the Lord with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength possible on this side of heaven? How about loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Jesus' response: "Do this and you will live" didn't make the lawyer happy. Why do you think he asked Jesus the next question? What was he trying to figure out?

Read Luke 10:29-32. What things (even seemingly spiritual and good things) might cause you to look the other way when someone else is in need?

Read Luke 10:33-37.

- For one seeking to follow the law right, why might a Samaritan be a shocking choice for the hero in Jesus' parable? **Read Matthew 12:1-8** for clues as to why Jesus might have chosen this.
- **Read Matthew 19:25-26** to hear Jesus' answer to the idea of "do it yourself" salvation. It's Jesus' rescue of us not our getting it right that brings us salvation; security in that gift frees us to love others without fear. Look again at the parable and discuss:
 - How are you like the wounded man, the Levite, and/or the Pharisee? How is Jesus like the Good Samaritan?
 - Jesus' question at the end doesn't actually address the lawyer's question. Why do you think that is?

PRAY

Pray aloud together: "Jesus, thank you for picking me up, binding my wounds, and saving me at the highest expense. Help me to show your love through my life."