



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 30th June 2024



Luke 10:25-37

Good Samaritan Risky Comparison

Warm Up

Do you like playing sport or watching it?

Maybe food is your thing. Do you like reading and studying the recipes or eating the food?

Background and context

With Jesus we don't just learn about Him and what He has done for us, we get to experience it.

We get to be involved with what God is doing; we can help with other people experiencing it too. We get to play. Jesus here is saying don't just know the Law (like football rules or recipes) instead live it out, and do it! We get to live it out, taste and play.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ Luke 10:25-37. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

Put yourself in the shoes of the Priest and the Levite. See things from their perspective.

1. How would the Priest and Levite justify their actions?
2. Do you think the Samaritan could have used the same excuses? Why?
3. What was the difference between them?

Have you got any examples of risky, costly compassion:

4. Share some examples when taking a risk to help didn't have a good outcome.
5. Share some examples of when helping did have a good outcome.
6. What did it cost you to help someone else? This is not just financial.
7. Should we be worried about the outcomes when we take a risk to help others?
8. What is the difference between "helping everyone who is in need" and "being the kind of people that help the needy"? Which should we be? Why?
9. **Read v36.** Did Jesus answer the question or change it? Is this important?

Discipleship and Application



10. **Read Romans 3:21-28, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 2:8-9.** What does this reveal about our works?
11. **Read Matt 7:16-20, James 2:14-20.** Why should we show compassion?
12. How does loving our neighbour relate to us Loving God?
13. How are we going to be more like the Samaritan and less like the Religious leaders?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.