

Life Group Discussion Guide

MOVE TOWARD THE MESS
Luke 10:25-37
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MESS

INTRODUCTION

Jesus told us to love our neighbors as ourselves. But that's easier said than done. Which people qualify as neighbors and which don't? How far does our responsibility to others extend? If we make the effort to move toward the messes in other people's lives, how inconvenient is too inconvenient? How unsafe is too unsafe? How dangerous is too dangerous? What are the limits to loving others as we love ourselves?

When Jesus told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, He had something radical in mind. He was challenging us to see others' messes as opportunities, not inconveniences. He was calling us to put others ahead of ourselves just as He put us ahead of Himself.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Who are the people in your life you would help out of a mess no matter what? What is it about those relationships that motivates you to move past any discomfort to offer help?
2. Talk about a time when someone moved toward your mess. How has that experience shaped you?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Luke 10:25-37. Which person or group of people are you tempted to disqualify from "neighbor" status? What makes you hesitant to move toward that person's or group's mess?
2. Stuart said, "If we insist on comfortable, boredom is inevitable." How do we push back against the magnetic draw of comfort to pursue an authentic Christian life?
3. During the message, Stuart said, "Move toward a mess, but not every mess." What are some ways we can decide which messes to move toward?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Thinking once again about that passage in Luke 10, talk about a time when you passed by someone else's mess. What do you wish you had done differently?
2. Is there a mess in someone else's life you need to move toward? What can you do over the next week, month or even year to begin to treat that mess as an opportunity instead of an inconvenience? How can this group support you?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

- Matthew 22:37-40



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