

180: LOVE SACRIFICES

LIFE GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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FACILITATING COMMUNITY

At New Hope Hermitage, we strive for people to come to Jesus, become more like Jesus, and be who Jesus intended them to be. While biblical worship and teaching are of the utmost importance, we know that biblical community is where life transformation occurs mostly. A true community isn't just a place to talk about faith—it's a place to live it out together as we seek for Hermitage to look more like Heaven.

As a leader, your role is to model care and consistency and facilitate discussion. You don't need to be perfect; you just need to be present and willing to go first to build something deeper.

What patterns should I incorporate into my life to help foster a sense of community?

- **Pray.** Pray for the Spirit to move during your group time and in the lives of the people in your group.
- **Prepare.** Listen to the sermon and allow the Spirit to work in and through you. Afterward, take the time to answer the five questions on your own.
- **Presence.** Reach out with a quick text or call to check on someone or their family. Acknowledge important events such as birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, or answered prayers. Even a group text or card can make a significant impact.
- **Pursue.** Most importantly, walk with Jesus. Nothing can replace your personal relationship with Him.

One idea for this week...

- This week, find one tangible way to show God's love to someone.

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV), "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

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This Week's Main Takeaway

Love sacrifices. Jesus uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to highlight the sacrificial love that the kingdom of God is all about: seeing those no one else wants to notice, recognizing the pain people try to hide, and pursuing those others have rejected. The true measure of love is not how much you feel, but how much you are willing to sacrifice.

This Week's Memory Verse

Luke 10:27-28 (NIV), "He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Five Inductive Questions

1. GOD :: What does this passage imply about *God*?

The heart of God revealed.

This passage highlights for us the sacrificial love that the kingdom of God is all about. The teacher of the law (refers to a Scribe, many of whom were also Pharisees) that asks Jesus this question (v. 25) misses this point entirely. Verse 27 tells us that he knows the words of the law but not Jesus. He knew the words, but not what they meant. Furthermore, many Jews thought their bloodline and good deeds would get them into Heaven. The illustration Jesus uses after his question presents a beautiful picture of the gospel that moves close to those who are lost and without hope and sets us free (vs. 30-35). This is the heart of the Father.

What does it tell you about the teacher of the law that he knew so much, yet knew very little?

2. MAN :: What does this passage imply about *man*?

To love others, we must see people the way Jesus sees them.

In this parable, we see the Samaritan pay attention to someone that he, culturally speaking, should have never noticed (v. 33). We must do the same, which includes the following:

- Seeing those that no one else wants to notice.
- Recognizing the pain people are trying to hide.
- Pursuing others who have been rejected.

This passage helps us see that sacrificial love refuses to remain at a distance, but rather, steps into the mess with love and resources (vs. 34-35). The true measure of love is not how much you feel, but how much you are willing to sacrifice (v. 35b).

What is sacrificial love? How do others see this in you?

3. PROMISE :: Is there a *promise* to claim in this passage?

Like the beaten man on the side of the road, we needed a rescuer. Someone to step in when we could do nothing for ourselves (v. 36). One commentary puts it this way: “Jesus Christ does for us everything we could not do when it comes to obeying God and paying the penalty for our sin. We were left for dead in our sin; but Christ rescues us, heals us, and pays for our needs by his grace. He freely gives to us what we could never earn.”

4. COMMAND :: Is there a *command* to obey in this passage?

Verse 28 – “Do this and you will live.”

Verse 37 – “Go and do likewise.”

“Do this and you will live” is the command in this passage. This is not teaching a works-based salvation; instead, because Jesus has changed our lives, we will do these things. In this passage, the teacher of the law probably assumed he could earn his salvation. For those of us who have received eternal life, we must now prove ourselves to be true neighbors (v. 37). We exist as a church in this community to “go and do the same” individually and collectively with our neighbors.

How is “do this and you will live” connected to the gospel?

5. REPENT :: Reflecting on this portion of God’s Word, what can I *repent* of this week?

We must repent of the time we have chosen comfort and convenience over sacrifice. Why? Because it communicates to others this: The gospel is not important enough for me to tell you.

How can you sacrifice for the sake of the gospel this week?

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