

Family Talk – A Revealing Encounter

READ TOGETHER

Luke 10:25–37

1. According to His parable, who does Jesus consider to be your neighbor?
2. Who's a neighbor you can love?
3. What can you do to show love to your neighbor?

LIVE IT

During Jesus' time, two groups of people hated each other: the Jews and the Samaritans. They disagreed so much that they wouldn't talk or eat with each other.

But Jesus was different. He opposed groups that pulled people away from God. Instead, Jesus was fiercely committed to the truth of who God is and what He wants for us. Even when Jesus challenged those groups, though, He loved the people around Him, especially the ones no one else loved. Jesus drew people to Him because He was the loving neighbor described to the expert in religious law in the parable.

Jesus wants us to be like Him. He wants us to be neighbors who reach out to help people in need, love people who think or live differently than we do, and show people who God is by treating them the way we want to be treated. Being a loving neighbor can be challenging with some people, but the closer we grow to God, the more He'll equip us to be like Jesus.

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Lord, thank You for breaking down the walls that divide people. Would you please help us be loving neighbors to all the people in our lives? Help us make a difference in this world, one person at a time for You.

Amen

