

Foundry Groups

Luke: Week 7



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Leaders Reminder: Be sure to watch the Community Question portion after prayer.

Ice Breaker

Would you rather be given a surprise party or plan one for someone else?

Scripture:

Luke 10:25-42

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 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.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

At the Home of Martha and Mary

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. 39 She had a sister called

Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Sermon Recap Video

Watch the video together

Discussion Questions

Question #1

Who do you identify with in the story of the Good Samaritan?

Can you describe a time when you crossed over the road in order to "pass by on the other side" like the priest or levite?

Do you look for excuses not to show kindness to certain people?

Do you ever give your friends excuses for doing the same?

Question #2

Why did the rich young ruler ask who his neighbor was?

How do we make rules in order to justify not caring for certain people?

Do you think the Rich Young Ruler expected to be praised by Jesus for his A+ record of behavior?

Do you ever tally up your benevolent or good deeds (especially in comparison to others) in order to feel like a good person?

Have you ever done that after you choose not to help someone, to make yourself feel better?

Question #3

Go through the samaritan man's actions step by step, how many ways did he show love? (Verses 33-35)

Do we usually go this far, even when compelled by compassion?

Why or why not?

Question #4

Look at the story of Mary and Martha. Who do you identify with in this story?

Why is it that the Samaritan, who did so much, pleased God, while Martha's efforts and attitude were the wrong choice?

Do you think other people were criticizing Mary as well during the dinner, at least in their hearts?

Who was Mary concerned about?

We know where Mary and Martha stood according to the culture they lived in, but how would we perceive them today? Would our culture still criticize Mary?

Question #5

Do you agree that our love for God is shown in how we do, or do not, choose to spend time with Him?

What do you value more; knowing Jesus, or being viewed well by others?

Do you agree that our love for God is shown in the regard we have towards other people, those created in His image?

Which matters more to you; the well being of others, or that you are viewed well by those around you?

Question #6

Mother Teresa once said, "intense love does not measure, it just gives,"

Do you agree?

How does measuring, checking boxes, and keeping score ruin love?

How can we Love the Lord our God with all our heart, and love our neighbor as ourselves?

Please spend time in prayer before watching the community questions video.

Close in Prayer

Prayer is a great time to grow together as a group. Ask your group members for prayer concerns, and take turns praying for one another today and throughout the week!

Remind your group to spend time with God this week, and that the Devotions are available on Foundrychurch.net

Community Questions:

Watch the end of the video for answers to the following questions:

Do we have a budget?

Who makes financial decisions? Can we vote on the budget?

How do we handle missional giving?