



STUDY GUIDE

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Missions Prayer Focus this week:
CVCYouth—Frontlines Summer Camp (July 7-12)

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Share a story of when you served someone and it ended up being a blessing to you. Share a story when it ended up being a great cost to you.

When you think of other Christians that you know and admire, what has been characteristic of their lives? What inspires you about other people's walk with Christ?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 10:29-37.

What stands out to you? What is confusing? What is clear?

What is a "Samaritan"? In the 6th century BC the Assyrians (modern day Kurds) conquered Israel and exiled the leading Israelite officials, prominent families, and key leaders, and imported Assyrian people in their place. Those Jews that stayed in Israel married the occupying Assyrians and capitulated to foreign religious influence. This mutual disdain escalated for hundreds of years and culminated in the Jews destroying the Samaritan temple in the 2nd century BC, and the Samaritans desecrating the Jewish temple in the year 6 AD by putting human bones throughout the temple. Both people groups despised one another for religious, cultural, and political reasons.

Who are the "Samaritans" in our shared American culture?

Who are the "Samaritans" in your personal life?

In verse 33, Scripture says that the Samaritan "had compassion" on the man. What moves your heart? What groups of people move your heart?

Why do you think Jesus chose to have the hero of the story a Samaritan? Why not choose for the victim to be the Samaritan? How does Jesus want to challenge your life in this area?

Pastor Josh talked about the six parts of the Samaritan's response. The Samaritan: 1) Had compassion, 2) Went to him, 3) Bound up his wounds, with oil and wine, 4) Set man on his own animal, 5) Took care of him at inn, and 6) Paid money for care. Of these six parts, what is most difficult for you? In what area do you need to grow and ask the Holy Spirit to help and strengthen you?

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Ultimately, Jesus Christ is the better “Good Samaritan,” because Jesus Christ saw us “dead in our transgressions and sins” (Ephesians 2:1). But God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son (John 3:16) who emptied himself by taking on the form of a servant, taking on flesh (Philippians 2:7), He healed our wounds by taking them onto himself, for “by his wound we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5). God offered up his greatest gift, the life of his perfect, spotless Son, to bring us to a place of healing (Hebrews 10:12). And God gets into our lives and is so patient with us in our failure and rebellion (2 Peter 3:9). Jesus paid the ultimate price for our care and healing, in order to love. He paid with life (Galatians 3:13). Unlike the Samaritan, Jesus paid all the cost of our sin and Jesus promised to come again not to pay our debts but to restore all things (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

[living it out]

If your LifeGroup has not chosen an area to serve, go right now to cvcmissions.org and click “Local.” Go through the list. Which one moves your heart as a LifeGroup? What area would you want to serve in? As you decide on one, contact the person to begin the process to serve.

Go to www.compassion.com/history and read the history of Compassion International. How could your group potentially be used by God in this sort of way? What was the first step for Everett Swanson? Could you take that sort of step?

[praying it up]

Spend 10 minutes as a group praying over what you have talked about. Pray specifically about what area you should serve in. Pray for those in our community who are serving the “least and the lost.” Pray for those who are hurting and struggling.