

**INTRO //**

- Welcome to Faith Students! Tonight we are starting a new series called "For the World"
- We are going to be talking about we can make a real difference in our world.

**SCRIPTURE // Luke 10:25-37 "The Good Samaritan"**

**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?**"

He asks that question because he's ok with loving the Lord. And he's ok with loving his neighbor... *as long as his neighbor is easy to love*. What he really wanted to know was what is the bare minimum he could do and still get credit for it... sound familiar?

**ILLUSTRATION // Tell a funny story about wanting to do the bare minimum but just enough to get credit...**

- For example: Trying to find the cheat code to the syllabus/project/paper to justify barely doing any work to your teacher.
- For example: Dinner at my house is like talking to used car sales men with my kids. They spend half the time trying to convince us that they only need to eat a certain amount of bites before leaving the table to play. It's like a hostage negotiation every night.

**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.**

**QUESTION #1 // WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?****A. YOUR NEIGHBOR IS EVERYONE YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPACT!**

- Each man had the opportunity to help this man.
- The moment they saw him is the moment he became their neighbor.

Everyday we are surrounded by people who are in need. In need of a friend. In need of encouragement. In need of food. In need of clean drinking water. In need of the GOSPEL.

**WHEN YOU SEE YOUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED HOW DO YOU RESPOND?**

- Our actions are always seen as us either stepping away from the need or towards the need.

**B. YOUR NEIGHBOR IS EVEN THOSE WHO ARE NOT EASY FOR YOU TO LOVE.**

- The religious guys avoided him because they had something else to do, they didn't want to be defiled by touching him, and caring for him would be costly.

**WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR?**

- You have something better to do? You don't want other people to think less of you for interacting with them? You don't want to pay the cost? It's too hard?

**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."

**QUESTION #2 // HOW TO DO I LOVE MY NEIGHBOR?****a. Go to the need vs.34**

- They all saw the man in need. Only one went to him.
- The world is full of hurting people that other people do whatever they can to avoid.
- God saw you in your condition and He responded to what He saw by coming to you!

**b. Meet the need vs.34**

- He bandaged his wounds and poured oil and wine on his to soothe and cleanse his wounds.
- He responded to his obvious needs in a real practical way.
- What is it you see your neighbors in need of?
- Jesus saw the need we had for a Savior, for forgiveness, healing, peace, etc. And that's what He's given us.

**c. Remember the need vs. 34-35**

- 2 denarii was 2 days worth of wages and would keep the man in care for 2 months!
- He was willing to pay until the healing happened. He was invested long term.
- He didn't just drop him off and say "Good luck have a great life."
- He paid for his care and then came back to make sure he was healed up.
- Followers of Jesus aren't just called to do basic good deeds and move on.
- Following Jesus means that we love the way He loves us...
- He saw the need, He met the need, and He's with us and for us everyday.
- Our lives should be a life marked by remarkable generosity.

**CLOSING // PLEDGE CARDS*****Present the need: World Serve/Speed the Light. Clean Water Wells.***

- Play video. (2 minutes)
- Share stats about the impact lack of clean water is making around the world.
- How we are choosing to make a difference in people's lives by drilling clean water wells and how we are making a difference in their spiritual lives.
- For the next 6 weeks we are choosing to make a difference by raising money for World Serve and Speed the Light to bring clean drinking water to those in need.
- Night of Generosity is November 7th. There, all Faith Students campuses will come together to give our best offering so that we can love our neighbors who are in desperate need.

***Give Students and Leaders opportunity to respond to the need:***

- Have students spread out and pray asking God to show them how they can make a difference and they can love their neighbor who is in need.
- Have students fill out pledge cards. Saying that they pledge to raise and give \_\_\_\_\_ amount of dollars to at Night of Generosity.
- Have them keep one half of the pledge cards and then bring the other half to the front and place it on the altars. That way they're reminded everyday of the need and their pledge, and we can see how much we as a group are pledging.

\*\*\* If your campus has small groups you may even want to split into groups and let them pledge as a group and begin to plan ways to raise funds.

CARDS, GRAPHICS AND VIDEOS WILL ALL BE IN DROPBOX.