

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

May 24-30, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to illustrate what it means to love our neighbors. In essence, we are to be ready to stop and meet the needs of those that we encounter. That takes time and energy. Where are we putting our time and energy and would God say that we are investing in the right places?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Luke 10:30-37.

Discuss

What might the first two men have been busy with that caused them to pass by the desperate man? Take some guesses.

Read Matthew 23:23-24.

Discuss

Why do you think that the religious leaders cared more about the details of their giving than the 'more important matters?'

How might we be like the Pharisees in this?

What did Jesus mean when he identified justice as one of the more important matters of the law? Give specific examples of 'justice' from your own life.

What did Jesus mean when he identified mercy as one of the more important matters of the law? Give specific examples of 'mercy' from your own life.

What did Jesus mean when he identified faithfulness as one of the more important matters of the law? Give specific examples of 'faithfulness' from your own life.

How would you know if you were passing by people that God would expect you to 'stop' for?

What can you do this week to slow down and give more attention to the more important matters that you might come across?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.