



Think and pray through the following:

- 1) Are there people in your life that you marginalize?
- 2) Is there someone God wants you to offer grace and mercy to?
- 3) What is God speaking to you about in this season?

## Living on Mission

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**Thread:** We are called to interact with others using grace and truth.

“The Word [Jesus] became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” **John 1:14 NIV**

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” **Colossians 3:17 NLT**

**WHO are we called to? The next person we interact with today.**

**Grace and truth are like tools God puts in our hands to accomplish His work.**

Key Text: Parable of the Good Samaritan

- Luke 10:30-37 NLT

**Who are we called to? The very next person we interact with.**

**Why? They have value.**

**Grace and truth are like tools God puts in our hands to accomplish His work.**

Key Text: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

- John 4:7-18, 25-26 NLT

**Who are we called to? Those who are broken.**

**Why? Broken people have redemptive potential.**

Key Text: John 4:27-38 NLT

**Grace and truth are like tools God puts in our hands to accomplish his work – let’s be ready for the opportunities placed before us.**

**Challenge:**

-How could I think more about people’s value in God’s eyes? Would this change how I see people that are very different than me? Would it change how I interact with them?

-Do I believe people have redemptive potential or am I just writing people off that differ from me?

-How can I be ready for the opportunities to use grace and truth when they come?

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## Life Group Homework

Living On Mission

Fall 2024 | Week 6

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### MY STORY



- 1) If animals could talk, which biblical animal (like Balaam's donkey or Noah's dove) would you want as your personal pet, and what advice do you think they'd give you about life?
- 2) If you were responsible for naming the animals like Adam, what's the most creative or ridiculous name you'd give to a specific animal?

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



#### Luke 10:30-37 (NLT)

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

<sup>31</sup> "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by.

<sup>32</sup> A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup> "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. <sup>34</sup> Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and

bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

<sup>36</sup> "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.

<sup>37</sup> The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."

- 4) Why do you think the priest and the Temple assistant passed by the wounded man (verses 31-32)?
- 5) Have there been times when you've overlooked opportunities to show mercy or compassion because you were focused on your own concerns? How can you be more aware of such opportunities in your daily life?
- 6) In verse 33, the Samaritan felt compassion for the man. How is compassion tied to grace and mercy?
- 7) The Samaritan didn't just feel compassion; he acted on it (verses 34-35). Why is it important to go beyond just feeling compassion to taking action? Is there a situation in your life right now where you feel compassion but haven't yet taken action? What practical step can you take to show mercy?
- 8) Jesus asks, "Who was a neighbor?" and the answer is "the one who showed mercy" (verse 37). How does showing mercy make us neighbors to others?
- 9) Jesus concludes by saying, "Go and do the same" (verse 37). What does this command mean for how we live out grace and mercy in our daily lives? What is one specific way you can "go and do the same" this week by extending grace and mercy to someone in need?