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INVESTIGATING JESUS | PART 4

It's virtually impossible not to like the person who goes out of their way to help without expecting anything in return or requiring anything from you. They see what needs to be done and they do it. And they don't allow themselves to be talked out of it, regardless of who it is that they're helping.

CONNECT

Who do you know that goes out of their way to help others? How have they impacted your life? What's one way they've gone out of their way to help you?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Encourage your group members to watch the full message sometime this week to remind them of what you talked about.

APPLY

After giving your group members an opportunity to share what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

- Toward the beginning of the video, Andy made the statement, "Love for God is demonstrated by love for others." Does that change the way you view loving God?
- 2. Read Luke 10:25-37 aloud.
 - To you, what makes the story of the Good Samaritan so powerful?
 - In verses 25–28, what stands out to you about how Jesus responded to the law expert's initial question?
 - In the parable in verses 30–35, the Samaritan did no less than six kind acts to assist the injured man. Why do you think Jesus had the Samaritan do so many acts of kindness in the parable? Why not just one or two?
- 3. In **Luke 10:37**, Jesus tells the listeners of the parable to "Go and do likewise." Who needs your help? What do you need to do in order to "Go and do likewise?"



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BEFORE NEXT TIME

Jesus completely redefined "neighbor" for his first-century audience, and it is true for us today. Between now and your next group meeting, take time to reflect on the people in your life that are easy to overlook, and ask God what it would be like for you to see them as your neighbor.

Take some time to read Luke 11–15 in preparation for Part 5.

PRAY

Use Andy's prayer as a guide:

Heavenly Father, thank you. It's more than we can bear and yet every single one of us have been on the receiving end at some level for somebody who stopped and were your hands and feet, whether they knew it or not. So, wherever this lands with us, give us the courage not to think about it, not to pray about it, not to be impressed by it, not to just talk about it, but to do it. And use us, Father, to move the needle in our culture, in our world. Bring back the followers so that your will can be done now in this generation... in our world as it is in heaven. And I pray that in the matchless name of Jesus who led the way, paved the way, and paid the price so we could follow. In Jesus's name, amen.



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