

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Student Takeover
Luke 10: 25-37

General:

- When you think about following Jesus, do you naturally think more in terms of your personal faith or your role within the larger church community? Why?
- What would change in our relationships if we stopped seeing people as interruptions, burdens, or problems to solve, and instead saw them as people to love?
- Instead of directly answering the lawyer's attempt to test Him, Jesus redirected the conversation back to the lawyer's own heart and understanding. What stands out to you about Jesus' response?
- What's the difference between knowing what God says and actually living it out? Why is that gap sometimes so difficult to close?
- Verse 29 tells us that the lawyer asked "Who is my neighbor?" because he was looking to "justify himself." Why do we often look for limits, loopholes, or minimum requirements when it comes to loving others?
- Matthew stated: "True communal faith isn't about staying clean; it's about getting dirty to help someone else." What do you think this would look like practically?
- The Samaritan would have been viewed as an outsider and enemy by many Jews. Why is it significant that Jesus made him the hero of the story?

- Ocean emphasized that the Samaritan used his resources to care for the injured man (via his time, energy, money, and safety). Which resource is hardest for you to sacrifice for others? Why?
- At the end of the parable, Jesus shifts the question from “Who is my neighbor?” to “Who proved to be a neighbor?” What’s the difference between those two questions?
- Jesus ends by saying, “Go and do likewise.” What do you think keeps people from actually living this way?

Take Home 1: See the Need—Breaking the Selective Blindness of the Cycle (Lk. 10:33)

- The Samaritan “journeyed... came... and saw.” How do you typically respond to the needs and struggles you notice around you?
- What are some practical ways you can become more aware of the needs of the people God has placed around you each day?
- Are there certain types of people or needs that are easier for you to overlook or ignore? Why do you think that is?

Take Home 2: Cross the Road—The Movement of Drawing Near (Lk. 10:34)

- Leela stated: “Our proximity is more important than our agenda.” How do you typically respond when someone’s need interrupts your plans or priorities?
- If your neighbors, coworkers, classmates, or friends described the kind of neighbor you are, what do you think they would say?

Take Home 3: Risk Everything—Moving Beyond Safe Mercy (Lk. 10:34-35)

- The Samaritan promised to return and continue caring for the man. What does that reveal about the depth of his compassion and commitment?
- In what ways are we tempted to show mercy only when it feels safe, convenient, or comfortable?
- What risks (social, emotional, financial, or personal) might come with loving people the way Jesus calls us to?

Take Home 4: Reflect Christ—Becoming a Living Parable (Lk. 10:37)

- Jesus crossed the ultimate distance for us through His love and sacrifice. How should His compassion toward you shape the way you live toward others?
- Who is hardest for you to treat the way Jesus has treated you? Why?