



“Crossover Move”

Luke 10 Small Group Plan

*Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
— Job 38:16 —*

71% of the earth is covered with water. This is 326 million trillion gallons of water. The picture here that God is giving to Job is the beginning and end of the water journey, from the “springs” that feed the sea to the “recesses” so deep in the ocean that light cannot penetrate the darkness.

God understands the mystery of our oceans. He is the creator God who understands all mysteries and has shared with us the greatest mystery of all — His love.

Understanding His love for us can help us make the crossover to love our neighbor.

OPEN IT / INTRODUCE IT ...

- “He asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” (Luke 10:29)
- Why did the lawyer want to justify himself?
- What is the connection between loving God and loving neighbors?
- Jesus said these two will bring life. How?

LOOK AT IT / STUDY IT ...

— AVOIDING THE CROSSOVER —

Luke 10:30-32

³⁰ A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of 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.

- What reasons, religious or not, could the priest and Levite invent that would stop them from offering help?
- List and discuss the conflicts between their roles as official representatives of God and their choices to avoid compassion?

— **EMBRACING THE CROSSOVER** —

Luke 10:33-35

³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins 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.”

- Identify the six action verbs (v. 34) describing what the Samaritan did.
- How do these actions fill out or illustrate the meaning of compassion?
- Explain the risk that the Samaritan took (v. 35). Why did he do it?

— **UNDERSTANDING THE CROSSOVER** —

Luke 10:36-37

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.”

- Jesus asked the lawyer to pick a person from the story who was a “neighbor,” but the lawyer couldn’t bring himself to say the word “Samaritan.” Instead he said, “the one who had mercy.” Why couldn’t he use the term “Samaritan”?
- Compare the lawyer’s question (v. 25) with Jesus’ question (v. 36). How did they use the term “neighbor” and how did Jesus change the whole question?

USE IT / APPY IT ...

- Discuss these four barriers to Neighboring ...
 - FEAR** — “I’m afraid of what might happen.”
 - TIME** — “I’m too busy to get involved.”
 - DETACHMENT** — “I really don’t care.”
 - DIFFERENCES** — “I am uncomfortable around those who are not like me.”
- How would you rank these barriers from the most to the least common?
- Which one(s) do you deal with the most? Explain.
- What helps you to move past these barriers and make the crossover move?
- Who are some “Good Samaritans” that you personally know? Why do you think of them as Good Samaritans?
- Ask God to help you take the 20-minute challenge to walk through your neighborhood and pray for each neighbor as you walk past their house.