

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Pray & Go – Week 2

Title: Loving Your Neighbor Through Prayer

Text: Luke 10:25–37, Read Matthew 5:43–48

Big Idea: Our mission starts with the power of compassion for our literal neighbors.

Icebreaker

- What's one quirky or memorable thing about a neighbor you've had—past or present?
 - Have you ever gotten an HOA letter or similar complaint? How did you respond?
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Digging Into Scripture

Read Luke 10:25–37 (The Good Samaritan)

1. Why do you think the expert in the law asked, “And who is my neighbor?” (v. 29)?
2. What does Jesus’ choice of the *Samaritan* as the hero of the story say about how we define “neighbor”?
3. In what ways did the Samaritan demonstrate compassion differently than the priest and Levite?
4. How is *seeing* a key theme in this story? What does it teach us about compassion and presence?

Read Matthew 5:43–48

5. Jesus says to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. How does this relate to the Samaritan’s example?
 6. Why do you think prayer has the power to soften our hearts—even toward difficult people?
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Applying the Message

7. Pastor MaryAnn said, “*You can’t have compassion from a distance.*”
 - What keeps us from *getting close* to our neighbors—physically, emotionally, or spiritually?
 8. Have you ever prayed for someone who annoyed or hurt you? What happened to your heart over time?
 9. Think about your literal neighbors.
 - Whose name do you know? Whose name do you not know?
 - What small step can you take this week to move toward them with compassion?
 10. Reflect on the story of Shauna and the flag.
 - How did she model both courage and compassion?
 - What would it look like for *you* to walk across the street—literally or figuratively?
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Weekly Practice

Challenge:

- Walk your block this week and pray for **10 new homes**.
- Ask God for a divine appointment to meet someone new.
- Use a journal or block map to write down names as you learn them.

 **Closing Prayer**

Spend time praying for each person's neighbors—by name if possible.

Ask God to:

- Open hearts and doors
- Give opportunities for connection
- Fill you with God's compassion and courage