



SDG Discussion Guide

"On Mission with Christ - SERVE"

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Luke 10:25-37

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For starters:

Who are the top three people in your life that you would say you love the most? Describe your relationship with these people.

Interaction with the text (The following questions are meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon texts. Feel free to forward the questions to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find these questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own discussion regarding the respective texts.).

For the first two questions below, read the entire Luke 10 leading up to this week's passage.

1. What was the charge given to the 72 people and how was their disposition when they returned to Jesus? How would you have reacted if you were in that situation?
2. How do Matthew 18:19-20 and Acts 1:8 relate to this story of the 72?
3. Experts of the law often tried to classify laws, distinguishing the more important from the less important. Why do you think these two in particular were emphasized (which were quoted from Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18)?
4. Connecting the two commandments, how is loving God related to loving other people?
5. What could have been the reasons for the priest and the Levite to just pass on the other side?
6. Why did Jesus choose the Samaritan in his story, as well as include details of what the Samaritan felt and did in verses 33-35, to answer the expert in the law?
7. How is the Samaritan portrayed in verses 33-35, and what do these qualities say about what it means to truly love one's neighbor?
8. The two commandments in Luke 10:27 also appear in Matthew 22:37-40, which says that the commandments of God hang from these commandments. How might this look in your day-to-day life? How might you grow in the ways or toward those you mentioned in the previous question?

Spend some time in prayer together, for grace for a renewed spirit to love, from the Holy Spirit himself. Pray for a revival, that God would fill you with love, for Him first and foremost, and that this love would overflow to those around you in need to love. And pray for others to see your light and be astonished at the words and the love of Christ in your life.

*These questions were adapted from *The NIV Quiet Time Bible* (InterVarsity, 1996), *The Serendipity Bible for Groups* (Zondervan, 1998), and *The NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 2011).