

# LifeGroup Discussion | The Good Samaritan | Week of 10/5

**Main Passage:** *Luke 10:25–37*

**Supporting Passages:** *Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; John 14:15; John 8:48; Romans 3:20; Galatians 2:16; Titus 3:5; Isaiah 58:6–10*

**Culture Code Emphasis:** *Grace without Compromise (love that is thoughtful, selfless, generous, limitless)*

**Main Idea/Question:** Who is my neighbor—and how does Jesus reshape my love from surface-level kindness to limitless, Christ-like mercy?

## Before LifeGroup

- Review your LifeGroup Values.
- Ask: *Which on-ramp (Porch Talk, Living Room, After Glow) best fits our group this week?*
- Start in that section and adjust as needed.

## On-Ramps

- **Porch Talk** — casual, relational questions over food.
- **Living Room** — deeper discussion for those who heard the sermon.
- **After Glow** — reflection or follow-up texts/conversations post-group.

## PORCH TALK (casual discussion over food or interactions)

- What did you hear on Sunday?
- Where did the message push you past “surface level”?
- Share a time you realized you were reading something too literally and later discovered a deeper meaning.
- How can we carry this week’s truth into our rhythms?
- How can I be praying or holding you accountable in response to what you heard?

**Anchor Verse:** Matthew 13:13 — “Seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear...”

**Reflective Passages:** *Matthew 13:10–17; Luke 6:27–36; Micah 6:8; Hosea 6:6; James 2:14–17; 1 John 3:16–18*

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## LIVING ROOM (deeper discussion for those who heard the sermon)

### 1) Bubbles Illustration — Surface vs. Depth (Parables)

**Read:** Matthew 13:10–17

**Context:** Jesus uses parables to reveal truth to seekers and conceal from the hard-hearted.

**Say:** Parables are an invitation to *lean in* beyond the literal. Don't stop at "whale in the desert."

**Ask:** Where have you stopped at the surface with Jesus' teaching? What helps you press into the deeper Kingdom meaning?

**Supporting Passages:** Proverbs 25:2; Luke 24:27

### 2) Surface Meaning — The Parable Story

**Read:** Luke 10:30–35

**Context:** A man is beaten; religious leaders pass by; a Samaritan shows extravagant care.

**Say:** On the surface, the call is clear: be a true neighbor—act with mercy.

**Ask:** What details of the Samaritan's care strike you most (thoughtful, selfless, generous, limitless)? Where do you see opportunities like this in your week?

### 3) Deeper Meaning — The Lawyer's Question

**Read:** Luke 10:25–29; Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18

**Context:** A law-expert "tests" Jesus, then seeks to "justify himself."

**Say:** The Law can't save; it exposes need (Romans 3:20). Self-righteousness narrows love to the "qualified."

**Ask:** Where do you find yourself trying to "justify" who deserves your love? How is Jesus exposing that today?

### 4) Deeper Meaning — The Samaritan Shock

**Read:** Luke 10:31–37; John 8:48

**Context:** Jews despised Samaritans; Jesus uses the "enemy" as the model of mercy.

**Say:** Jesus reframes the question from "*Who qualifies to be my neighbor?*" to "*How will I prove to be a neighbor?*"

**Ask:** Who is your "Samaritan"—the person/group you're tempted to avoid? What does *limitless* mercy look like there?

### 5) Deeper Meaning — For Us Today (Obedience & Need)

**Read:** John 14:15

**Context:** Obedience reveals love, not self-salvation.

**Say:** We love not perfectly but *dependently*. The Law reveals need; Christ supplies grace.

**Ask:** Where do you feel your love runs out? How might dependence (not pride) become the soil where your love grows?

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### AFTER GLOW (deeper reflection or follow-up conversations)

**Read:** Luke 10:36–37 — “Go, and do likewise.”

**Say:** Christ’s limitless mercy through us = love that is **thoughtful, selfless, generous, limitless.**

**Ask:**

- Thoughtful: What practical care can you offer (today/tomorrow)?
- Selfless: What inconvenience will you embrace?
- Generous: What cost will you cover?
- Limitless: Where will you refuse to cap compassion?

**Read:** Luke 6:36; Micah 6:8

**Say:** Mercy is a lifestyle, not a moment.

**Ask:** What rhythm would train your heart to notice and move toward need this week?

**Theologian Quote (for reflection):**

“Love is the sum of all virtue.” — Jonathan Edwards (paraphrase)

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### Follow-Up & Challenge

- **Share** with a partner one “Samaritan” step you’ll take in the next 48 hours.
- **Pray** for courage to cross uncomfortable lines with Christ-like mercy.
- **Challenge:** Identify one relationship where you’ve drawn a boundary of convenience. Replace it this week with a boundary of *mercy* (a concrete action that is thoughtful, selfless, generous, and, as needed, limitless).

**Reflection Verse for the Week:**

Luke 10:37 — “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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