

Okay to be unclean?

Community Group Leaders Guide

Luke 10:25-37 /// Week of May 12

Today's big idea: Neighbors show mercy.

Today we begin to look at how some who were unclean were actually heroes of the stories that Jesus told. Try to come back to this idea throughout the study.

- Tell the group about your best neighbors or your worst neighbors.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

This story is kind of long but very familiar. Spend time focusing on the conversation Jesus had before and after the parable.

- Use Bible Storytelling to tell the story of the good Samaritan.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 10:25-37 in the Bible.
- According to Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life?
- What role did priests and Levites have with the church and how would being unclean impact that? **(Leviticus 21:1-4)**
- How did Jesus define who our neighbor is and how did the Samaritan model that?

Heart

Help your group move from theory to practical application. This might be a difficult step for them to make.

- How has your relationship with the Lord impacted your love for your neighbor? How are you different now in your love for others?
- Who are "neighbors" that are easy to love and who are "neighbors" that are hard to love? Why?

Hands

Be ready to model for the group what a next step could be for you and then help them process their lives and what next steps they could take.

- What step of faith can you take this week to show mercy to the neighbors that are hard to love?
- People who are "beat up" don't often look beat up. How can we be intentional to engage in conversation and show mercy even to those we don't think would be interested?
- As a group, what is something you can organize to specifically invite those who are not already connected with the church?
- **Make plans for the Community Group Birthday Bash this Sunday, May 19th!**

Next Week:

When Is It Okay to Be Unclean? Mark 15:42-47