

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Parable (Stories of Grace)

Week of March 23, 2019

### Week 4: Loving by Grace (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

#### *Luke 10:27-37*

This week our series on Grace arrived at a study on loving others. Yet, not loving them in typical ways. Jesus calls us to a love that is extraordinary...and supernatural...and utterly beautiful. Jesus taught this grace-based love through "The Parable of the Good Samaritan." Through this parable, Jesus taught us how to demonstrate this amazing type of love.

**Kicking it off:** Jeff shared of his thrill due to this week's start of the baseball season for his beloved Cubbies. What do you enjoy about spring?

#### **Discussion:**

Reread "The Parable of the Good Samaritan" found in *Luke 10:30-35*

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii 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."

1. What did the Samaritan sacrifice in showing love to the injured man?
2. Can you think of an example of someone demonstrating love at a cost to them? If so, share about it.
3. Why did Jesus pick a Samaritan as the hero of the story?
4. What kinds of people do you find it difficult to love?
5. Is there someone you feel called to love? How could you show love to them?
6. Reread *1 John 4:19* "We love because he first loved us."

How is this verse helpful in our pursuit of loving others like the Good Samaritan?

7. Reread *Romans 5:8* "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

How does this verse help us see ourselves in "The Parable of the Good Samaritan?"

**Wrapping It Up:** Pray that God's love would so fill your heart that it would overflow on others.