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CHRIST CHURCH



Reflect | Luke 10:30–37

1. Share a time where you have felt robbed literally or figuratively. What did it do to your faith? Attitude? Relationships, especially with your family and Jesus?
2. What do you feel motivates most people to do good to others?
3. Where do you see relationships or feelings towards others that parallel the kind of animosity that existed between the Jews and Samaritans in Christ's time?
4. How does this messiness of feeling then influence how you notice or bypass "others?"
5. Why do you think we "bypass" those in need?
6. Read verses 33–34 again out loud. Note how all three SAW the man on the side of the road, but make note in verses 33–34 of all the action words after "saw." What is Jesus getting at here? What stirs in your head and heart when you take note of all the action words toward this Samaritan?
7. What can help you move from simply seeing, to actually acting and responding in practical

terms, the way that Jesus calls us to when dealing with our enemies?

8. How willing are you to enter the messiness of hard relationships with someone you know and love? With a causal friend? With someone you don't know? How about someone with whom you don't get along? Why the differences?
9. What do you find challenging, convicting or inspiring about this story? What is this teaching from Jesus calling you to do?

Respond | Walk your neighborhood this week. Be fully present and don't take for granted things you think you've seen before. Seek to experience your neighborhood anew. As you walk, pray for your neighbors; those you know and those you don't know. Those who are easy to get along with and those who might take a little more care. Pray for all of them and then listen. Listen for where God is working and enter the mess.

Remember Lent | Audio Devotional
Week 5 | Loving Like Jesus Leads Us
to Enter the Messiness of
Strained Relationships

