

November 4, 2018
Country Roads
Part 2: Helping Others Along the Way (The Good Samaritan)
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1. The service began with a song about helping others and passing the blessing of caring on to another.

*Who has helped you? How?

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*Have you ever helped a stranger God might have put in your path?

*Have you ever neglected to help someone, which you later regretted?

2. Are there other reasons for us to evangelize and for missionaries to go to unreached people groups with the gospel besides saving people from the worst version of hell that many adhere to? (**Those who follow the example and teachings of Jesus live an abundant life here and now, knowing the demands and joys of love, which those on the “broad road” know so little about.**)

3. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.” What do you think it looks like to love God with each of these things: heart, soul, strength and mind?

4. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

*In the parable of the Good Samaritan, who was the Samaritan’s neighbor?

*Who are our neighbors?

*In what way do we love ourselves that would be a guide for how we treat our neighbors?

5. Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

*Does this mean when we love God and others thoroughly, we will not break any Old Testament laws or any admonition of the prophets? Give some examples of how that would work.

6. Have you avoided the needy of some kind in the last week? Why?

7. Read again the parable of “The Good Samaritan” (Luke 10: 30-35).

*How does this story convict you?

*How does it inspire you?

*Do you understand anything about the heart and desire of Jesus you might have missed before?

8. Pray that God will show you a needy “neighbor” to help as you go about this coming week and tell your group members about it next time you meet.