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WEEK THREE: WHO'S YOUR NEIGHBOR – Study Guide

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Many of you may have seen the picture that went viral of a NYPD officer helping out a homeless man on a cold night in New York City. While the people around the homeless man were mocking and making fun of him, the police officer had compassion and decided to be the solution by buying the homeless man a pair of warm boots. The officer decided to make a difference in the man's life for that day. In the Message Series Study Guide this week, we will see how the Gospel not only calls Jesus-followers to proclaim the message of Jesus, but it also calls for us to act out what we believe by caring for others.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) A word can bring a certain picture to your mind. For example in our American culture, when you hear someone say the word "neighbor", what meaning, or word picture, does that bring to your mind?

Into the Bible

- 2) **Read Luke 10:25-37.** What did the lawyer intend to prove by asking Jesus who his neighbor was? By telling this story, who does Jesus say the lawyer's neighbor is?

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- 3) What were some ways that the Samaritan displayed what loving your neighbor means?
- 4) **Read 1 John 4:7-18.** God loving us cost Him someone—His Son. In the same way, loving others almost always costs us something as well. According to John, what makes it even possible for us to love others? How can others know that God loves them?
- 5) **Read Romans 13:8-10.** As Jesus-followers, love is the one thing we owe to people. Why do you think the law can be summed up in the words, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"?

How Does This Apply?

- 6) When we look back at the story of the Good Samaritan, why is it so easy for us to look the other way, just like the priest and Levite did, when we see a need arise?

