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Ice Breaker: Describe a time when someone was merciful to you and helped you in a time of need.

1. Together read Luke 10:25-37. What stands out the most to you from a simple reading of this text?
 1. Is it dialogue between Jesus and the lawyer? Is it the behavior of the two passer-byes? Is it the behavior or the Samaritan?
2. How would you explain the requirement of the law as given in v 27?
 1. What do the God focused and neighbor focused parts mean and how do they relate to each other?
 2. Is it morally possible for this lawyer or any mere human to actually do this? Why or why not?
3. Jesus turns attention in this discussion to the loving of our neighbors, rather than focusing primarily on the loving of God. Why do you think this was necessary for the Jewish lawyer and why might it be necessary for us?
4. What is the Christian's motivation to be merciful toward others and to extend love toward them even when they have not earned it in any sense?
5. What can we do individually and as a group to be more intentional about showing mercy to those in need? Offer specific ideas.

Proposition: The parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us the connection between loving God and loving others. Each born again believer has been sent to love others as Christ has loved them.

Key Words and Terms

esplagchnisthe: “felt compassion,” v. 33. This Greek word literally means, “was filled with pity or compassion.” In this context, “to have compassion” means to identify with a person’s situation to such a degree that action is taken for the other person’s benefit.