

## **BOUNDARIES, FOCUS AND FORGIVENESS**

### **“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” (5)**

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Luke 10:25- 35

#### **REAL LIFE ISSUES: With good neighboring?**

- **BOUNDARIES** \_\_\_\_\_ can be crossed..
- **EXPECTATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_ can go unspoken & misunderstandings emerge.
  - Such as --difficult crises, neediness or dependence.

#### **BOUNDARIES: What am I responsible for and not?**

- Responsible **TO** is not responsible **FOR** \_\_\_\_\_!
  - Providing a solution **OR** helping find a solution for themselves.
- Lending a hand **OR** giving a handout. There’s a BIG difference!
  - The Samaritan did incredible things, but NOT **EVERYTHING!**

#### **FOCUSING: Some reasons why people don’t respond?**

- Too **BUSY** \_\_\_\_\_
- Too **WARY** \_\_\_\_\_
- Too **OVERLY CONNECTED ALREADY** \_\_\_\_\_
- Too **DIFFICULT PERSONALLY** \_\_\_\_\_
- **TARGET** \_\_\_\_\_ people of peace. (Luke 10: 5-6)
- **INVEST** \_\_\_\_\_ wisely

#### **FORGIVING: When neighbors become adversaries?**

- Excusing vs. Forgiving
- How many times?
- The Miracle of **HEARING -LOSS**
  - I.D. the issue
  - Choose to obey Jesus & pray for your enemies
  - If you’ve offended, apologize!
  - Go the extra mile
  - Find an indirect way to bless them.

**TIC TAC TOE CARD**→ *any neighbor (or in your network) that you’ve shared God’s love with by deed or word. During YOUR offering!!*

## **Bible Reading: Luke 10: 25-35**

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’