

4. Generous love \_\_\_\_\_ people.

*Today and for the next four weeks, we consider what it means to live a generous life. A generous life is rooted in who God is and what God has done in both creation and the Gospel. As always, God goes first. God gives first. God gives most! We begin today with what it looks like to be generous toward people. Here are 6 principles we learn from Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan . . .*

5. Generous love \_\_\_\_\_ the real needs of people.

1. Generous love can never be the \_\_\_\_\_ for our salvation.

3. Generous love must always be the \_\_\_\_\_ of our salvation.

2. Generous love \_\_\_\_\_ people.

3. Generous love \_\_\_\_\_ for people.

**Generosity Toward People**

Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, March 1, 2020

*Growth Groups are the glue which holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).*

*This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.*

**Connecting Together**

*Some of our groups are getting big! If necessary, break into smaller groups of 2-4 to really share "How are you this week?" (FINE is not an acceptable answer!)*

**Digging into God's Word & the Message Together**

1. Choose three readers to read Luke 10:25-29, 30-35, and 36-37. How did you come under God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you? What did you learn or what were you reminded of in this study?
2. What does the text tell about this lawyer who comes to Jesus? What is behind each question he asks?
3. Both the characters of Jesus' story and the roles they play are surprising. Why?
4. How does Jesus strikingly communicate that Generous Love can never be the reason for or cause of our salvation?

5. What does Generous Love look like according to Jesus? Without looking at the outline, can you identify the 4 features we identified in the text?
6. Like the Jews with the Samaritans, we all struggle to generously love certain groups of people or individuals that are different than us. What groups do you struggle to love and why? How does this text challenge you forward in Generous Love toward those people?
7. How do we put ourselves in this story and why is that necessary?
8. **Your Growth Group as a Family:** Birds of a feather flock together! How homogenous or how similar are the members of your Growth Group? (Think age/stage, personality, socio-economically, educationally, vocationally, ethnically, etc) How might your group make room for some people who are more different than your current group and how might that benefit your Growth Group family?
9. **Your Growth Group as a Servant/Missionary:** It is way, way harder to love people who are wildly different than us. But it's also way, way easier if we do it TOGETHER. Jesus makes clear that there are really no limits to who are our neighbors. Who are wildly different people within the near vicinity of your Growth Group? How can your Growth Group work together to Generously Love some of these people and what might that look like?

**Praying Together**

- With this text in hand, cry out to God to overwhelm you with His own Generous Love to grow in you a Generous Love toward others.
- Pray for "neighbors" God is calling you to Generously Love . . . by name.
- Share and pray for one another's needs and so love one another!