The Good Samaritan | Luke 10:25-37 | Pastor Lacie Jones | April 23, 2017

**Sermon Notes**

**Kingdom principle: God values \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over .**

* **Racism has existed since the fall of man.**
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**Journey Group Questions**

1. Read Luke 10:25-29. In the opening verses of this week’s text we read that the story of the Good Samaritan was birthed out of a series of questions that were an attempt to “justify” one’s own behavior rather than truly loving one’s neighbors. In what ways might you be tempted to justify prejudices and racism (the cultural norm) rather than compassionately confront it?
2. Read Luke 10:30-37. Considering the context of this passage and the deep ethnic divisions and hatred between Jews and Samaritans, how do you think the Jewish and Samaritan listeners would have reacted to this story?
3. How might ethnic, social, and cultural pressures have prevented Jews and Samaritans from acting neighborly to one another as Christ had commanded?
4. In what ways might ethnic, social, and cultural pressures impact you as you strive to be neighborly towards those who do not share your ethnic, social, and cultural background?
5. When Jesus stated, “Go and do likewise” what was He commanding? How might you, go and do likewise (think specifically through the risk, cost and reward of confronting racism and prejudices)?