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## **Being God's Best Neighbor**

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus provides us the specific plan for being the best <u>neighbor</u>

- 1. Love God
- 2. Have an open <u>heart</u>
- 3. Have a bias for action
- 4. Get your hands dirty
- 5. Give what costs you
- 6. Major on mercy

Conclusion: Now is the time to "Go and do likewise"

## **Being God's Best: EXTRA**

Jesus in Clear Words: Ten Ways to Love Your Neighbor

## Focus on Luke 6:27-38

Christlike love is completely countercultural and requires otherworldly thinking. The fact is, we can't do what Jesus teaches us to do without His grace at work in us. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" He asks. "For even sinners love those who love them" (v. 32). This succinct teaching from the Sermon on the Mount tells us how to be radically different from the world.

- **1.** Love your enemies (<u>Luke 6:27</u>).
- 2. Bless those who mistreat you (Luke 6:28).
- 3. Don't demand your rights (Lk 6:29).
- **4.** Give to everyone who asks of you (Lk 6:30).
- **5.** Treat everyone the same way you'd want them to treat you (Lk 6:31).
- **6.** Do good to those who've done nothing for you and won't repay you (<u>Lk 6:33</u>).
- **7.** Freely share what you have without expecting anything in return (<u>Lk 6:34-35</u>).
- **8.** Be merciful to people who are ungrateful—even those who are evil. (Lk 6:36).
- **9.** Don't judge or condemn anyone, even if he deserves it (<u>Lk 6:37</u>).
- **10.** Recognize the immeasurable blessing of giving without reservation (Lk 6:38).

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