Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

God's grace and love demonstrated in the gospel can only be received through humility and simple, child-like faith and should be reflected in how we treat our neighbors.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- What question did the lawyer ask, and what do you think was his intention (verses 25, 29)? Where did Jesus direct him in his answer (verse 26; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18)?
- Is knowledge of God's law sufficient to save from sin and judgment? Why are we incapable of obeying His law?
- Why was there bad blood between the Jewish people and the Samaritans?
- Ironically, who disregarded the man beaten and left for dead on the road? Why does (human) religion lack compassion toward others?
- What are some excuses we make to avoid loving our neighbors? Are there certain people or groups of people that you struggle to love? Why?
- Discuss how the gospel empowers us to be good neighbors (and even love our enemies), like the Samaritan in Jesus' parable.
- What is a proper gospel perspective of God's moral law? How can we cultivate delight for God's law (1 John 5:3; Psalm 19:7-10)?
- Is there someone you know that needs to hear the good news of the gospel?