

Discussion Questions Course 313–1

Large Group

1. Have you ever treated or thought about treating someone differently because they weren't like you in some way?
2. What was Joy's excuse for not wanting to share her pizza with Samantha and her little brother?
3. Did Chris feel the same way?
4. According to the SuperVerse, who is God's favorite?

Small Group

Game

1. What did the Samaritan give the innkeeper?
2. Why?
3. Why do you think you received a point for each coin in a container?
4. Why did you get even more points if the containers were equal?

Teaching

1. In the video, how did the Samaritans treat Jesus and His followers while they were traveling to Jerusalem?
2. Did the Samaritans like the Jewish people?
3. Did the Jewish people like the Samaritans?
4. Jesus answered his question by telling a parable. What is a parable?
5. Let's say that while we are all sitting here today, a famous movie star walks into our classroom—someone you love watching on TV. She's very pretty and you'd love to get her autograph and have your picture taken with her. She's looking around the room for a place to sit down. What would you do?
6. Okay, now someone else just came into our room. It's a boy about your age—someone you know from school who is always getting into trouble. He isn't wearing very nice clothes, and he hasn't had a bath in a while. He's looking around the room for somewhere to sit. What would you do?
7. Why would you be tempted to treat these people differently? Children discuss.
8. Does God think that a famous movie actress is more important than a troubled schoolboy?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Matthew 7:12a. Do you know what this verse is called?
2. In the parable, which person is an example of the Golden Rule?

SuperVerse

1. According to this verse, do you need lots of money to be saved?
2. Do your parents have to be rich or famous?
3. Do you need to live in a fancy house?
4. Do you need to speak a certain language?
5. Who can call on the name of the Lord to be saved?

Additional Activities

Neighbor Game

1. What are some needs that our own neighbors may have today? Here's a hint: their needs may not be just physical.
2. We are going to play a game about caring for our neighbors' needs. Instead of covering their wounds with bandages, we are going to cover them with the hearts we have drawn. Can you guess why?

Bible Study

James 2:1–9

1. In verse 1, if we favor people, what can't we say we have?
2. In the example in verses 2–3, what aren't we supposed to do?
3. Is it easy to make a quick judgment about someone based on their clothing or appearance?
4. What are some things we should do instead?
5. What do you think verse 4 means?
6. In verse 5, why do you think Jesus often came to the poor and common people?
7. Do you think it is harder for wealthy or popular people to come to Jesus and serve Him? Why or why not?
8. Why do you think that people dishonor or look down on the poor?
9. In verse 9, how important is it to treat everyone the same?

Luke 5:27–32

1. In verse 27, why would it be unusual and offensive to others for Jesus to ask a tax collector to follow Him and be a disciple?
2. Did Levi, also known as Matthew, have to think about it for a while?
3. What does this say about judging people based on what they do or their reputation?
4. What does this say about the power of Jesus and the Gospel?
5. In verse 30, why did the Pharisees not only complain but complain bitterly? Did they want Jesus to treat people equally? Please explain.
7. Who do you think the Pharisees thought Jesus should be eating with?
8. What do verses 31–32 mean in your own words?
9. Who did Jesus compare sinners to?
10. In verse 32, did Jesus say the religious leaders were righteous and without sin?
11. So, based on the Passage, should we only hang out with believers and treat others differently?

Acts 10:34–35; 44–46

1. In verses 34–35, what did Peter see?
2. In verse 44–46, what happened as Peter shared the Gospel and the Gentiles believed his message?
3. What was the reaction of the Jewish men with Peter?
4. How do you think this changed their thinking and ministry?
5. Has your attitude changed about how you treat others and share the Gospel; how?