

## Discussion Questions Course 313–2

### Large Group

1. If you were here for the previous lesson, tell us in your own words: who is your neighbor?
2. How should this change our thoughts and actions regarding other people?
3. If you saw the full video last week, why was the owner of the pizza shop frustrated with the girl and her brother?
4. What did Chris want to do?
5. How did Joy react?
6. When the expert in Jewish law asked Jesus who his neighbor was, what do you think he expected Jesus to say?
7. The man who asked the question was Jewish. How might he feel about a story in which two important Jewish men ignore a wounded Jewish man, but a Samaritan—a despised foreigner—stops to help him?
8. Do you think the man who asked the question changed his thinking after hearing Jesus tell the parable? Why or why not?
9. Who said the SuperVerse in the video?

### Small Group

#### Teaching

1. First, let's answer the question from Large Group. How did the man who was an expert in the Jewish law try to test Jesus?
2. Group 1, how did you feel when I said I approved of you and liked you?
3. Groups 2 and 3, how did you feel when I said I didn't think we could be neighbors?
4. Group 4, how did you feel when I wouldn't even come over and say hello?
5. Should I pick and choose my friends like that?
6. Can I love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, yet still think that some people God made are not my neighbors?
7. Can we truly love God if we hate or look down on others?
8. Jesus made a Samaritan the hero of the parable—as a role model for everyone to follow! How do you think that made the Jewish lawyer feel?
9. After Jesus told the parable, He told the Jewish man to do something. What was it?

#### Discipleship Challenge

1. Matthew 7:12a. What does treating others this way have to do with loving our neighbors as ourselves?
  - A classmate has made fun of you for years. Now some of your friends are making fun of this classmate at lunch.
  - How would you want to be treated if you were in the other person's place?
  - Why would it be tempting to join in with the others to make fun of your classmate?
2. Your sister forgot to return your phone charger again, and now your phone is dead when you need it.
  - What would you be tempted to do to your sister, and why?

- How would you like to be treated if you accidentally forgot to return something?

### **SuperVerse**

1. The Bible tells us to love God above anything or anyone. Yet that is not all we are required to do. Who else must we love?
2. Who have we learned is our neighbor?

### **Prayer**

1. We all want to make wise decisions in our life; why?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Activity**

1. How did Jesus say we are to love our neighbor?

#### **Coloring Activity**

1. In our Bible story video, when did this scene take place?
2. Who did Jesus say our neighbor is in the parable?
3. At the end of the Bible story, what did Jesus tell us to show our neighbors?
4. How do you think the expert in the law felt after Jesus told the parable and asked him who was a neighbor to the injured man?
5. Why would the answer be difficult to say for the expert in the law?

### **Bible Study**

#### **Romans 12:9–11, 13**

1. What does verse 9 mean to you; to really love and not pretend?
2. In verse 9, how does hating what is wrong and holding tightly to what is good relate to loving others?
3. How can we take delight in honoring others? What does that mean to you?
4. In verse 11, how could laziness affect our relationships with others and the Lord? Why is it important to be enthusiastic, and to serve God and others with energy and dedication?
5. In verse 13, what must we be ready to do?
6. What does enthusiastically mean?
7. What is hospitality?

#### **Philippians 2:3–5:**

1. How can humility help us to be a good neighbor?
2. If you think you are superior to your neighbor, how can that affect honoring them?
3. What does verse 4 say to you? Express it in your own words.
4. Why is it so easy to concentrate only on our own needs and wants?
5. What can we do to look outward instead of inward each day? Does God provide help to do this?
6. In verse 5, what was the attitude Christ had?

#### **1 John 3:16–19**

1. What does verse 16 say real love is?
2. According to verse 17, when God's love is in us, what should we show to others, and what should we do?
3. Is it possible to have God's love, yet not care about others? Why or why not?
4. What important thing does verse 18 tells us about love?
5. Have you heard the saying, "Actions speak louder than words"? Does it apply here?
6. What does verse 19 say our actions show?
7. How can actively loving and serving others make us more confident?