True compassion will cost us.

- Marco Silva

Primary Text: Luke 10:25-37

1. Pray (2 mins)

Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

2. Warm-Up (20 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive.

- How was the homework assignment? Any discoveries/questions?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?
- What do we know about the book of Luke (authorship, purpose, theme)?

3. Illuminate (30 mins)

On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.

- Describe the lawyer that Jesus is having a conversation with? What can we gather from him?
- In the conversation with Jesus the lawyer responds by asking, "who is my neighbor?" What is wrong with this question?
- The Jews and Samaritans had great cultural tension during this time period. Why do you think Jesus used these two men in this parable?
- To what lengths does the Samaritan help this man who had been beaten and left on the side of the road?
- Jesus never answers the lawyer's question. What question does Jesus ultimately answer?

[Reflection: If we don't have time to care for someone in need, are we really any different than the priest and the Levite?]

- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Given the opportunity, could you now explain this text to someone else in your own words? Anyone brave enough to try it now?

4. Pray (10 mins)

Learn what the Bible says about prayer. Close in prayer.

Trinitarian Prayer Structure:

- Pray to the Father
- In the power of the Spirit
- By the authority and merit of the Son

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Homework: Ready your heart for Sunday (Ready resources - warrenbaptist.org/ready).
1) Read Luke 12:13-21 (Parable of Rich Fool)2) How would you summarize this parable to someone who had no knowledge of it?
3) Additional Notes/Questions:
4) Bring this with you to your next Life Group for discussion.