

# Curious: October 31 & November 1

Speaker: Tom Hughes

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Below are some study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend's sermon. We've included plenty of questions, but feel free to use just a few or to choose whichever questions best fit your group.

## Bible Questions:

1. Read Luke 10:25-37
  - a. Ask group members to read the verses again on their own. Give them a few minutes and then ask the following questions. 1) What are some lessons contained in verses 25-29 about the "expert in the law"? 2) What are some truths we see in the remainder of the story, particularly Jesus' reply? 3) Of the several characters in these passages, currently, to whom do you most relate? Why?

## Application Questions:

2. Tom quoted William Barclay who said, "A saint is someone whose life makes it easier to believe in God". He also shared stories of ordinary people, *not* heroes, who were loving people in some very simple yet practical ways.
  - a. What are some practical ways that you are loving, or have loved, the neighbors God has put on your path that they might more easily believe in God?
3. During his sermon, Tom stated something that has probably been true of all of us; that "too often we exclude ourselves from being the ones that God could use to love our neighbor in a tangible way".
  - a. Has this ever been true of you? If yes, what are some of the reasons you exclude yourself from getting involved with and loving your neighbors in a tangible way?
  - b. How might you overcome some of those barriers?
4. Tom pointed out that the "good Samaritan" had to get off his donkey and go near to the half-dead, beaten man in order to help him.
  - a. What would it look like for you to slow down and go near your "neighbors" so you could love them?

## Closing & Prayer: *[set aside 10-20 minutes for prayer]*

Break into partners and pray for each other:

- Pray for God to help you discern where He might be making you aware of people and/or situations where He wants you to share His love in a tangible way.
- Pray for God's help in giving you a merciful heart and a willingness to slow down, go near, and pay a price to leave your neighbors better off than when you first found them.
- Pray for any other personal needs that you may have.