



Co-Op

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

There are many video games (especially in the “farm sim” genre) that ask you to better your character’s local community. Though in most cases helping out your local community benefits your own life, often you’re asked to do it out of the love and care you have for the people around you.

Ask: What is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you?

EQUIP

Whether local or online, having a community is an important part of life. Not only is it important to have a community to look out for you, but it’s also important to be a part of loving and supporting that community.

Ask: Why is it important to show love and kindness within your community?

LEVEL UP

Read: Luke 10:25-37 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” 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.” And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.” But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own animal, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’”

Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

MOD

As we have mentioned in previous studies, the ancient Greek language had many different words to describe love. This week we are focusing on "philanthropia," or the love one has for mankind. Not only is it where we get the word "philanthropist," but it's also the kind of love extended by the Samaritan.

Ask: What needs need to be met in our community?

Ask: How can we play a part in extending love and kindness to meet those needs in our community?

PRAY

Pray: May our eyes be opened to our community. Let us see others the way you see them and love them the way you do. May we show kindness to others as you have shown kindness to us.

NEXT LEVEL

Read: Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

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