



## Community Group Lesson Plan • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: Ask How Not Who

Passage: Luke 10:25-37 NIV

#### Intro -

1. Read Luke 10:25-37.
2. We come to famous parables with preconceived ideas. How have you previously understood this parable? Did the sermon change your mind in any ways? How so?
3. What are some of the needs in your relationships or community that you are aware of? What can you as an individual (or as a group) do to be generous and self-sacrificial in helping those situations?

#### Big idea: Christians ask “how” not “who”.

1. Luke 10 teaches us to not be like the expert in the law. Do you find the following breakdown of Luke 10 compelling and accurate? Why or why not?
  - a. V. 1 → Jesus sends out the 72
  - b. V. 2-16 → Jesus teaches that some will accept the disciples message about Jesus and others will not
  - c. V. 17-20 → Joy comes not in powerful ministry, but in salvation itself
  - d. V. 21-24 → Salvation is hidden from the wise and learned (the insider) and revealed to little children (the outsider)
  - e. V. 25-37 → Expert in the law: An example of a “wise and learned” insider who does not see. He desires to theologially justify *not listening* to God’s word by asking who he needs to love like his neighbour
  - f. V. 38-42 → Mary: An example of an outsider who does see. She desires to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to him
2. What are some ways we try to limit who we need to love? Do you find it difficult to love certain types of people? Why or why not? Which of these phrases most accurately reflects the reasons why you limit your love:
  - a. **I** find it difficult to love them. (internal: personality reasons)
  - b. I find it difficult to love **them**. (external: cultural, religious, and value differences)
3. How can we better love those around us? Think in particular about people in your neighborhood, your workplace, and the local church. Are we willing to hold each other accountable to putting this into practice?



4. 1 John 4:19 says, “We love because he first loved us.” Can you think of any other passages that specifically address the love that Jesus has for us? How do those texts help motivate us to love our neighbor as ourselves?

### **Wrap Up and Prayer**

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

### **Benediction** - 1 Thess 3:12-13 NLT

*"And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen."*