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MODULE 3 | **The Real Jesus**

Training Guide

Session 4

Loving your neighbour

Key idea: *We all need forgiveness because we all fail to be the people Jesus challenges us to be.*

Key encouragement: *Having been loved and forgiven by Jesus, ask God to help you love like Jesus.*

Practical challenge: *Identify and respond to a need experienced by one of the people you are praying for.*

Session goals:

- *Grow increasingly familiar with the three questions: Jesus. People. Me.*
- *Accept Jesus' challenge to love our neighbours by deepening our relationships and conversations.*
- *Pray for each other and each other's friends.*

Session Introduction

Watch the introduction video for Session 4.

Jesus thinks we need forgiveness. Our response to Jesus depends on whether we think we need forgiveness. But what if your family and friends don't want or think they need forgiveness?

Share

- How did inviting someone to read Luke's Gospel with you go?
- Today we'll share stories about the evangelistic opportunities God gave us this week. These might be conversations you are grateful for or ones that didn't go as you hoped. They might be interesting conversations with potential or clear answers to our prayers.

Pray

This is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

'Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.'"

Luke 11:2-4 (NIV)

- | Use this passage and the sharing time to guide your prayers for yourself, each other, and your friends.

Train

Luke's Gospel

In our passage today Jesus tells a story that has become very famous – The Parable of the Good Samaritan.

1. Read Luke 10:25-37 and discuss the three questions:
 - a. Jesus: What do we learn about Jesus in this story?
 - b. People: What do we learn about the people who met Jesus?
 - c. Me: What is my response to Jesus and this story?
2. Review your discussion.
 - a. Think back to each of the three questions: Jesus. People. Me. What comments or additional questions helped keep discussion focused on Jesus, moving forward and going deeper?
 - b. How did discussing a parable change the way the three questions operated?
 - c. What information does this passage add to our discussion about forgiveness?
 - d. What aspects of the story would you like to have discussed, or to have discussed more fully, if you had your time again?




Skill: Loving your neighbour




The following tables invite you to think through ways you can deliberately and intentionally love your neighbour. The top table is about spending time with people, and the bottom table is about conversations with people. In real life though, the two tables overlap.

1. Work through the tables with one of the people you have been praying for in mind. Try to come up with specific ideas for deepening your relationship and conversations with them,

including ways of inviting them into your Christian community. Then, share your ideas with the rest of the group.

While loving people can sometimes feel costly it is great privilege to share your life with someone else. Real love is costly but it is also beautiful. Ask Jesus, who loved us so much that he died for us, to help you.

SPENDING TIME WITH PEOPLE			
	 Love: Acts of service.	 Social: Casual and fun hangout.	 Community: Connecting them.
	How can I show love to them in practical ways that they will appreciate?	How can I spend time with them in everyday ways?	How could I help them get to know by Christian friends?
Me individually			
My Christian Community			

CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE			
	 Questions: Answering questions.	 Jesus: Talking about Jesus.	 Bible: Reading the Bible
	How can I answer the questions they have about Jesus?	How can I introduce them to life and teachings of Jesus?	How can I encourage them to read the Bible for themselves?
Me individually			
My Christian Community			

2. Pray. Thank Jesus for loving us enough to die for us so that we could be forgiven. Having been loved and forgiven by Jesus, ask God to help us love like Jesus.

Revise

Read Luke 11-14 in one sitting. In these chapters Jesus continues teaching his disciples as they head towards Jerusalem. Choose one short passage from within Luke 11-14 and answer the three questions. Include three or four relevant expansion questions for each of the three questions:

- Jesus: What do we learn about Jesus?
- People: What do we learn about the people who met Jesus?
- Me: What is my response to Jesus and these stories?

Work through the Loving your Neighbour tables for each of the five people you are praying for.

- Act on at least one of these ideas this week.

Connect with other group members during the week.

- Share with each other one of your ideas for loving your neighbour, or, how God has been answering our prayers.

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