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5 LIFE-CHANGING TRUTHS ABOUT GOD

The Image of God

Pastor John preached on the image of God (*imago dei*) this past Sunday. The basic premise behind the *imago dei* is that all of us are made in the image of God. This means that God made each of us in his image and that he is in all of us. Many people in our society today mistreat and hate others precisely because they do not understand that *all of us* are made in God's image. This week we'll be looking at the story of the Good Samaritan who, though was technically an enemy of the Jews and had every reason to hate Jews, had mercy on a Jew in need. This passage challenges how we should view those who are different from us or who we are taught to hate.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: Who's someone in your life that's difficult for you to love? (Feel free to keep this person's identity anonymous...)
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: Luke 10:25-37

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." 29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii [a denarius was the usual daily wage of a day laborer] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look

after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ *"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"* ³⁷ *The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- Who are the people in my life that are difficult for me to love?
- What might God want to say to me through this passage?
- What am I going to do this week as a result of this passage?
 - Then pray for each other over how we're responding to God's word.