

Sunday 6th October

What if ... we could love people who are different to us?

Lifegroup Notes

Welcome – Do you have any annoying habits that make you a little different?

Word – This week's theme is about loving people who are different to us.

- What struck you most from the teaching on Sunday?

Read Luke 10, verses 25 to 37, and then from what you know of Jesus in this and other encounters discuss the following ...

- What did Jesus teach us about loving people who are different to us?
- How did Jesus reach out to people who were difficult to love?
- What characteristics of Jesus would help us in these situations?

Read Galatians 5, verses 22 to 23 and Colossians 4, verses 5 to 6 and discuss the following ...

- How are these verses useful in our everyday lives and conversations with people who we may struggle to get on with?
- Where could we get better?
- What would being out of our comfort zone in relationships look like?
- Someone once said ... *“Treat a man (or woman) as he appears to be and you make him worse. But treat a man as if he already were what he potentially could be, and you make him what he should be.”* What do you think this means? Do you agree with it? How could it apply to loving people?

Worship – Start by thinking about the verse in Romans 5, verse 8, where it says ... *‘God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.’*

Thank God for His love for us and then move to pray for that love in relationships that may be more difficult.

Works – Think about somebody who is different to you and you have to get on with.

Commit to privately praying for that person and be deliberate in having a conversation with them.



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