

Weekend Teaching Discussion Guide
True Love – Week Four: Face to Face
Teaching by Pastor Jackson

WARM-UP QUESTION

When you hear the phrase love your neighbor, what kind of person comes to mind first? Someone easy to love or someone difficult? Why?

DISCUSS

1. Redefining Who Our Neighbor Is

In Luke 10, an expert in the law asks Jesus what it takes to inherit eternal life. Jesus points him back to what he already knows: love God fully and love your neighbor as yourself. Wanting to justify himself, the man asks, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus responds with the story of the Good Samaritan, shifting the focus from defining neighbor to demonstrating love.

Read Luke 10:25–29.

- Why do you think the man was trying to justify himself with the question, who is my neighbor?
- In what ways do we sometimes limit who qualifies as someone we should love?

Read Luke 10:30–33, 36–37.

- What stands out to you about the Samaritan's response compared to the priest and the Temple assistant?
- How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a neighbor?

2. Bury or Bless

Pastor Jackson highlighted a tension in our culture. Culture often asks, "Who is against me so I can bury them?" Jesus asks, "Who is against me so I can bless them?"

- Why is it more natural to write people off or oppose them rather than love them?
- What would it look like in your everyday life to choose to bless instead of bury?

True love is not just about loving those who are easy or like us. It moves toward people with mercy, even when it is uncomfortable or undeserved.

3. Understanding Worldview

Before we judge or dismiss others, it is important to understand how they see the world. Everyone operates from a worldview shaped by beliefs, values, and experiences.

WORLDVIEW: A comprehensive framework of fundamental beliefs, values, and assumptions through which an individual or culture interprets reality, understands life, and makes decisions.

Read 1 Corinthians 5:9–11.

- What distinction does Paul make between those inside the church and those outside?
- How can understanding someone’s worldview change the way you respond to them?

4. The Power of Relationship

Pastor Jackson emphasized that relationships often come before influence. God’s kindness leads people to repentance, not harshness or distance.

Read Romans 2:4.

- How has God’s kindness impacted your own life and faith journey?
- Why is relationship such a powerful pathway for sharing truth?

Choosing relationship does not mean compromising truth. It means creating space for God to work through connection and care.

5. Trusting the Work of the Holy Spirit

We are not responsible for changing hearts. That is the role of the Holy Spirit. Our role is to love, serve, and point people to Jesus.

Read John 16:5–8.

- What does this passage teach us about the role of the Holy Spirit?
- How does trusting the Holy Spirit change the pressure we often feel to fix or change others?

When we try to take control, we often push people away. When we trust the Spirit, we create room for real transformation.

CLOSING REFLECTION

Which statement best reflects where you are right now?

- I need to expand my view of who my neighbor is
- I need to choose blessing over criticism or avoidance
- I need to grow in understanding others before judging them
- I need to prioritize relationship over being right
- I need to trust the Holy Spirit instead of trying to change people myself

PRAYER

Close by thanking God for His mercy and kindness. Ask Him to help you see people the way He sees them. Pray for the courage to love your neighbor in practical ways, to choose

blessing over burying, to build meaningful relationships, and to trust the Holy Spirit to bring true transformation.