



## *Who is My Neighbor?*

### **RANDOM Acts of Kindness Series**

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#### 1. Open your Eyes to See the Needs Around You

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over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side (Luke 10:30 – 32 NLT).

#### 2. Stop to Share Love to Those on Your Journey

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- Be willing to Inconvenience Yourself

#### 3. Share Love as an Action

Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?' The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:36 – 37 NLT).

#### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

1. What kind act did you experience recently that made you feel loved and cared for?
2. On a scale of 1 – 10, how kind would you say you are? Explain why you rated yourself in this way from hearing this message.
3. Who are some people on your journey in life that God might be asking you to stop for and show love to? Explain.
4. What are a couple acts of kindness you feel led to act upon this week?

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