

## 11/19/17: Just Like Sam Wk 3 -- Group Discussion Questions

**Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the personality of your Group...**

**Welcome & Intro:** After welcoming, snacks, etc, choose one of these (great place for Apprenticing Leader!):

- High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.
- Icebreaker: Do you have any traditions around Thanksgiving? If so, what are they?

### Announcements / Transition with Prayer

#### Discussion Intro:

- Invite your Group to share about how their Up or In or Out relationships have been this week. You can find some suggestions for these conversations at [www.discochurch.com/groupcorner](http://www.discochurch.com/groupcorner). **Keep this conversation BRIEF.** You are not looking for answers from everyone! The primary purpose is to remind people to pursue health & mission in all of these relationships

**Discussion** (*Remember: CHOOSE those that fit your Group! The point is NOT “getting through” the questions!*)

- Last week, Jon focused on the priest and Levite in the story of Sam (the Good Samaritan!) and he talked about the “good intentions gap”. Is there anything from the discussion or teaching last week that has stayed with you? How did you follow through on actions God called you to take?
- What stood out to you from Jon's sermon this week? Or from anything else in the service?
- **Read Luke 10:29-37** and then go back and reread Luke **10:33-35**. What stands out to you in these verses?
- When you imagine the story, list some words that you could use to describe Sam.
- Why do you think Sam stopped when others didn't?
- What kinds of risks was Sam running by stopping?
- Sometimes people's pains aren't as visible as being left beaten on the side of the road. What are some of the ways that people in your world are suffering?
- When Sam left on his journey that morning, he had no idea that he would encounter this beaten man. In what ways does it look like Sam was prepared ahead of time to be able to help? How are preparation and intentionality important factors in living a life of compassion?
- Have you experienced being able to help effectively because you were prepared when the time came?
- What are some steps we can take to make ourselves more prepared to step in effectively when someone is in need?
- Why do you think Jesus ends this story by having Sam leave the man in the care of the innkeeper? What can we learn from this?
- What are some things you learn about Jesus from this story?

#### Break for smaller group Prayer:

- Have everyone take a moment for silent reflection on the group conversation. You may want to provide them with notecards for writing. Have them answer the question: *What does God most want me to take away from this conversation? And what action is God calling me to take?*
- Before sharing requests, give everyone opportunity to share their responses to that reflection in their smaller groups.
- Pray for each other's requests AND the actions to which God is calling them.