

LifeGroup Questions
I am the Project #5 -- Mark 12:28-44

1. Read Colossians 1:9-14. This is the prayer that Dan prayed/is praying over Calvary. What request/promise/truth in this prayer is most important for you, especially related to your front yard mission?

2. Read Luke 10:3-37. The man testing Jesus was trying to set the limits of his call to love. He was trying to determine, “who is my neighbor?” Jesus said the more adequate question is, “am I a neighbor?” The neighbor is the one who showed mercy. In what ways is God shaping you to be a better neighbor?

3. One of the tensions being set up in Jesus’ story is the use of the Samaritan as the hero/neighbor. Samaritans were ethnically, spiritually and even geographically marginalized by the Jewish people. The story is a call to love all. Who are the marginalized in my life, or our culture whom we should not forget?

4. Read Mark 12:28-33. The call to love is greatest commandment, greater than what we consider the most core acts of worship. Dan asked the question, “where are you aiming?” Are you aiming your life in the direction of loving God and loving your neighbors? What does/would that look like?

5. Dan said that the “how-to” of loving our neighbors is found in the two words, “as yourself.” He listed a handful of ways that “we” loved to be loved...when someone listens to us or believes in us; when someone sees us or needs us; and when someone sacrifices for us. What are some other ways we might love our neighbors “as our-self?”

6. Read Mark 12:41-44. Dan used this story to talk about the difference between surrender and commitment. He said, “The difference between commitment and surrender is control. At the heart of the call to love our neighbors is a surrendered heart. And God's love invites our surrender. How does/could this concept of surrender shape your front yard mission?

7. Dan closed with the image of a museum in heaven. As you think about people who have loved you well...or places where you have loved a neighbor well, what would you place in heaven’s museum?

