



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect

**STUDENT
MINISTRY**

SMALL GROUP GUIDE [HS] | BIAS [MARCH 8]

SCRIPTURE | Luke 10:25-37

PROBLEM

We have relational problems with people different than us.

BOTTOM LINE

We are made in the image of God

DO HARD THING

Check your bias.



- This is our first week of the Lent series, Do Hard Things. The challenge for students is to help them identify areas in their life where they need to challenge the “old” so that they can become “new”.
- How has Lent been significant to your spiritual journey? What have been some themes that have spoken to you over the last few years during Lent?

MY GOAL FOR THE NIGHT |



This is a shocking truth: people are different. Between race, ethnicity, class, beliefs, and even just opinions, we as human beings have a hard time connecting with people who are different than us. Since this is so challenging, we have seen people get hurt as a result of belonging to a certain group of people. What does God say about doing hard things when it comes to people who are different than us? How can we step out of what is known to us in order to step into what may be an unknown difference? How does that change how we see God? Lent calls us to journey through the old life of brokenness to find new life. Lent is the sure sign that God’s story doesn’t end in ashes, but that’s where it starts.

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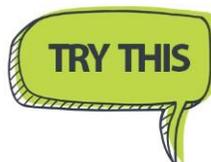
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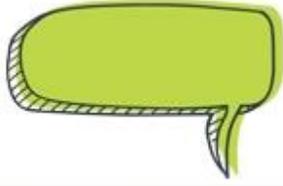
“Big or small, we have a hard time connecting with people who are different than us. Jesus gave us an incredible filter to help us see how we can relate to these differences. Let’s talk.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Tell about a time when you had difficulty with someone different than you or that you disagreed with. How was it handled?
- Have you ever lost a relationship because of differences? What could have been done in order to resolve it?
- What surprises you about the parable of the Good Samaritan?
- For the parable to make an impact, it’s important to know that Samaritan were not well liked. How can we be surprised about people that we meet who are different? Have you ever been surprised by someone different than you?
- The ‘Do Hard Thing’ is for us to check our bias. That involves knowing how we treat, talk, and think about people different than us. What are your initial thoughts about your “bias”?
- What would other people say about your bias? Would they agree with what you shared above?



Come up with a list of your “non-negotiable” commonalities that you need for your relationships. For instance, in order for you to have a relationship with someone, they need to be accepting to all people, or believe that they are made in the image of God. Or even more basic, they are kind to people.



EXTRAS
