

## Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email [info@revolutionky.org](mailto:info@revolutionky.org).

## Series Synopsis

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul. And the second greatest is like it; love your neighbor as yourself. Love God and love your neighbor. That is our call as followers of Jesus Christ. That is our task. But what does that look like today?

In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, asked a similar question for his time; how should Christians live in the world so that they are growing in grace and holiness together? In response, Wesley penned three simple rules for holy living; do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Join us as we explore each of these rules, discover their foundations within Scripture and Wesleyan tradition, and ask how we can live them out in our own time and place.

## Message Synopsis

John Wesley encouraged believers to "do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can." But is this even possible? Is there a limit to how much good is required of us? Taking every opportunity to do good means we must consider the needs of others at all times, and often deny ourselves. Which is, of course, a mark of true discipleship.

## Key Scriptures

*Galatians 6:1-10, Luke 6:27-28, Romans 12:1-13*

## Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. Where do you have opportunities to do good in your day-to-day life?
2. Is there a limit to your (our) ability to do good?
3. What do you think it means to do good by serving others yet also maintain a healthy level of self-care? What is the difference between selfishness and self-love?
4. Is there a new opportunity to do good that you sense God is calling you or your group into?

## Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

**Video: "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"** (14 min.)

(located in the "Renovation Bible Studies" channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/377636?episode=1>

1. Who do you struggle to do good to? Is there a people group, economic group, political group (or a specific politician), etc. that you struggle to do good to (in word, attitude, and deed)? How does this parable challenge your view?
2. Has someone ever shown you the kind of costly neighborly love that the Samaritan displayed in this story? How did it make you feel?
3. What does it really cost you to do good to others? Think more than materially as you answer this question. Is it worth it? What if you get nothing in return? What if you're repaid evil for good? Is it still worth it?
4. How does Jesus' incarnation and ministry reflect that of the Samaritan in this parable? How does your life reflect the victim on the side of the road?
5. How has God personally loved you like the Samaritan? Share your personal testimony here, beyond stating the universal impact of His death, resurrection, ascension and salvation.

### Family-Related Questions:

1. The best way to TEACH good deeds is to DO good deeds. It's done by example, by discipleship. How are you modeling a lifestyle of doing good to your kids? Do you involve them in the good you do?
2. Reinforcement is another great tool for encouraging the good in others. Take a moment to brag on your kids – what good have you seen them do this week? How can you encourage them and let them know you're proud of them in a way that promotes their character but doesn't make their actions (or your praise) performance-based?
3. "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). We also tend to do more good to others when we are confident in our own worth and overflowing with God's love. How can you show God's love (and your love) in a special way to your kids this week? How can you "do good" to them?