



Part 1: Values

How can we make sure that we are getting the most out of our lives and relationships? How can we be confident in making big life decisions when there are so many competing demands and options? It all starts with values.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Discussion Questions

1. Read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. Can you remember anything from the teaching on Sunday that helps us to understand the context of this story? Why do the Priest and Levite not stop to help the man who had been beaten? What do their actions tell us about what they value most?
2. Take a close look at the actions of the Samaritan. Describe and unpack all of the things that he does to help. Why do you think Jesus gives all of this detail? What do we learn about the character and value system of the Samaritan? Ultimately, this story tells us about the values that God has. What do we learn about Him from this parable?
3. Have you ever really thought about what you value most in life? What would you say are your most deeply held values? How have you built your decision making on those values? Give examples of how your values and the decisions that you have made have either lined up or been in tension with each other.
4. On Sunday we heard that when it comes to making life decisions: “We decide on our values, then we let our values decide.” Where have you seen this principle ring true in your life? In what areas of your life do you think your decisions need to be more aligned with your values? Are there any decisions you are currently wrestling with that might become more clear by clearly articulating your values?
5. Have you ever had a conversation with the people closest to you (spouse, family, kids, closest friends, etc.) about the values that you share together? How do you think a conversation like that might improve your relationships with some of the people closest to you?

Moving Forward

Discuss how you can take on the following challenge from Sunday’s message: Think about, discuss and write down your values as (a) an individual, (b) a couple, (c) a family.