November 1, 2026

SUNDAY REFLECTION — For The One

October Series: Love Your Neighbor
Week Focus: For the One

Scripture – Luke 19:10 (NIV) – *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

Devotional Reflection

THE ONE STILL MATTERS TO GOD. Throughout this week, we have been reminded that Jesus Christ sees people differently from the way the world often sees them. In Luke 15, religious leaders criticized Jesus for welcoming sinners, but Jesus revealed God's heart through the parable of the lost sheep. The shepherd's concern for the one that was missing demonstrated that the lost were not insignificant or forgotten. We began the week by examining how we see people and whether our attitudes reflect Christ's compassion. We were challenged to move beyond criticism, assumptions, and spiritual pride, recognizing that every person bears God's image and needs His grace. **WE CANNOT FAITHFULLY REACH PEOPLE WE REFUSE TO SEE THROUGH THE HEART OF JESUS.**

As the week continued, we discovered that compassion must become more than a feeling. The shepherd took the initiative to seek the lost sheep, reminding us of God's gracious initiative in salvation. Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost, accomplishing through His death and resurrection what we could never accomplish ourselves. Our responsibility is not to save people but to faithfully point them toward the Savior. We can pray, build genuine relationships, demonstrate compassion, and share the gospel with humility and courage. We also learned that faithfulness does not require us to control another person's response. **JESUS IS THE SAVIOR. WE ARE HIS WITNESSES.** We are called to remain obedient while trusting God with the results.

We concluded the week by considering what heaven celebrates. Jesus declared that there is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents. This reminds us that the ultimate goal of Christian outreach is not simply increasing attendance, organizing successful events, or creating meaningful experiences. Those things may provide valuable opportunities for ministry, but our greatest concern must remain people's reconciliation with God through Jesus Christ. As we reflect on our entire October series, *Love Your Neighbor*, we can see how each message has built upon the previous one. **LOOK AROUND** challenged us to notice the needs of others. **START RIGHT HERE** reminded us that genuine love for our neighbors begins with our love for God. **DON'T JUST SAY IT** called us to demonstrate love through meaningful action. **FOR THE ONE** reminded us that our love must also include a commitment to reaching people with the gospel. **I SEE. I LOVE. I SERVE. I REACH.**

Now that October has ended, the responsibility to love our neighbors has not ended with it. As we enter November, the question is whether these teachings will continue shaping our everyday lives. Will we keep noticing people who are overlooked? Will we demonstrate compassion when criticism would be easier? Will we serve those with tangible needs while remaining attentive to their spiritual condition? Will we intentionally pray for and reach toward those who do not yet know Christ? The transformation God is producing within us should become increasingly visible through the way we live, love, serve, and share the gospel. We cannot reach everyone personally, but we can remain faithful with the people God places before us. **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE JUST A SERIES. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME A WAY OF LIFE.**

🔥 FOCUS FOR TODAY

A transformed life reflects Christ's compassion, demonstrates His love, and faithfully shares His gospel.

🛠️ PRACTICE

- Reflect on the four movements of our October series: **I SEE. I LOVE. I SERVE. I REACH.** Identify which one has challenged you most and where you still need to grow.
- Identify one person who may need to experience Christ's compassion and hear the hope of the gospel. Commit to praying for that person consistently.
- Take one faithful step this week through encouragement, practical assistance, a meaningful conversation, or an appropriate opportunity to share your faith.
- Ask God to help you carry the lessons of *Love Your Neighbor* into November, making compassion, service, and gospel witness ongoing expressions of your transformed life.

🙏 PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding me throughout this week that the one still matters to You. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost and for extending Your grace to me. Forgive me for the times I have overlooked people, allowed criticism to replace compassion, or hesitated to share the gospel. Through Your Holy Spirit, continue transforming my heart so that my love becomes visible through faithful action. Help me see people with compassion, serve them with humility, and point them toward Jesus Christ. As we enter a new month, may the lessons of *Love Your Neighbor* continue shaping my life and the ministry of Life Transformation Church. Give us a lasting commitment to loving our communities, meeting tangible needs, making disciples, and proclaiming the hope of salvation through Christ.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

✍️ REFLECTION QUESTION

As I move beyond the Love Your Neighbor series, what specific changes will demonstrate that I am becoming someone who sees, loves, serves, and reaches others for Jesus Christ?