



Short Stories: LOVE

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Key Focus: Love

Opening Up:

What sound makes you hungry?

What sound grosses you out?

What sound makes you happy?

What sound puts you at peace?

What sound makes you sad?

Complete this sentence. I love it when someone says... to me?

Reference: Luke 10:25-37

Discuss:

1. The lawyer understood the right theological phrases, but had failed to see the laws true meaning. What are the dangers of merely pursuing an academic knowledge of theology and paying less attention to the practice of faith?
2. The law was never meant to save you, but to expose your need for a savior. In your life, how has the pressure to "measure up" exposed your need for grace?
3. Religion makes you a self-justifier. In your life what have you turned to most often for your justification. How has the grace of receiving Christ's justification by faith and not works effected your everyday life?
4. In the parable those representing the law did not reach out and save the man. Grace was given by his enemy. How have you experienced God showing you grace even when you were against him? (Romans 5:6-8, 10)
5. What is hard about loving your neighbor as you would yourself?
6. What would a society look like if everyone loved the other as themselves?
7. We need God's grace to give this kind of grace. Who needs God's love through you?
8. Law obligates you to love. Grace frees you to love. What is the difference between loving in response to law and loving in response to grace?
9. What story of God's mercy do you want to tell in your life?
10. Pray.