

ANCHORS // Week 8

Discussion Guide



SERIES OVERVIEW

You never drift into healthy rhythms. In fact, our tendency is to drift away from spiritual growth, healthy relationships, and life-giving habits. God has given us tools to be more intentional in the areas of life that matter most, anchors we can set to keep us from drifting throughout life. In this series, we are going to take an honest look at where we are and set anchor in some areas that matter most to have a deeply rooted life in Christ.

BIG IDEA

Our life is a living response to God's Love for us. This love is what overflows into each part of our life and fuels our desire to share God's Love with others.

CONNECT

Begin with some light conversation or a fun *icebreaker question* to check in with everyone.

- Share one highlight from your life this past week.
- If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be and why?

DISCUSS

- What stood out to you most about the message from the weekend?
- What is a material thing (food item, clothing brand, music genre, etc) that you ~~have~~ have a strong opinion of disdain for?
- Share about a time when your response to a situation lacked love & empathy. Looking back, how do you feel about the way you responded? What would you do differently?

READ LUKE 10:25-29

- Have you ever found yourself trying to justify why someone doesn't deserve a godly response even though we know we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves?
- Why do you think we struggle with that?

READ LUKE 10:30-37

- Why were the actions of the Samaritan so countercultural?
- It is easy to love 'your neighbor' when they agree with you about everything. What would it look like for you to cross some of your boundaries of comfort to extend love to those who you normally wouldn't?
- What step might you take this week and how can our group support you?

PRAY

Dear God, would you increase my love for those that are hard for me to love, because you loved me when I was hard to love. Help me to anchor my life in loving other people so that I can be a reflection of who you are. Amen!