

SERMON SERIES: Hills We Die On

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Sermon Title:

“Others over Self”

Introduction

We are in week four of our series “Hills We Die On” and this week we focused on others over self. In our world today, it is too easy to get wrapped up in focusing on ourselves and what is in our best interest. But Jesus lived a different way. This week we learn that one of the ways that we love God is by loving and caring for other people well.

- Share a childhood memory of a superhero or someone you admired. What qualities did they have that made them a hero in your eyes?

Seek the Word

- Read Luke 10:25-28. The lawyer's question about inheriting eternal life and Jesus' response emphasized the dual commandment to love God and love our neighbors. How does this commandment challenge and shape our understanding of heroism in our daily lives?
- Read Luke 10:29-37. The parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates the radical nature of loving our neighbors. Discuss the cultural context of the Samaritans and Jews during Jesus' time. How does this context add depth to the impact of the Samaritan's actions in the story?

Go Deeper

Read Matthew 22:34-40. Examine the surrounding passages in this chapter. How does they add context to the dialogue Jesus has with the Pharisees and Sadducees? What kind of light does it shed on the main passage in Luke?

Talk About It

- Who is the person in your life that needs you to love them as you love yourself? How can your small group be praying for you to better serve them with the love of God?
- In what practical ways can you express love and care for your neighbors, both within and outside our immediate communities?
- Discuss potential challenges or barriers we might face in actively engaging with and serving our neighbors. How can we overcome these challenges?
- As a group, identify one specific action or project that your small group can undertake to collectively demonstrate love and kindness to your community. How can you support each other in implementing this action?

Wrap Up

Reminder: We serve others to make God's love known.

Challenge: This week, reach out to one of your physical neighbors. See if there is anything you can do to serve them, whether it be through prayer or some project you can help them with. Be the love of Jesus to them.