

CONVERSATION GUIDE

LET'S TALK ABOUT TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

here's the big idea

Christians have been called to relentlessly love one person at a time.

Luke chapter 10 tells us about the good Samaritan and how we are to love our neighbor. In Luke 10:27, it calls all people to love God with their whole lives and to love their community in the same way. Ultimately, Jesus uses the parable of the Samaritan to help his followers to understand the calling of loving people and transforming communities. We love because Jesus first loved us no matter our status.

Conversation tip | HOW MUCH YOU CARE

As leaders it can be tempting to make sure we have all of the answers. It is so important to remember that people in your group are not looking for an expert but a peer who will walk alongside them on this journey.

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

let's talk

Break the ice

Q. What's one thing that you look for in a meaningful community?

Q: How have you been impacted by meaningful friendship and/or community?

tell me the truth | LUKE 10:25-27

"On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life? What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?' He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind;' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

In verse 27, we are instructed to love our neighbor as ourselves. God has uniquely gifted each of us with talents to help pour into our community. This is something we were created to do together, not alone. When we work together to cultivate, grow, and love the people around us, we will experience transformed communities

Q: How would you define community? Why?

Q: Why is it important for us to build and cultivate community? Why?

Q: What does it mean to love others as we love ourselves? How can we do this in our relationships?

Go deeper (OPTIONAL)

How can we build a community where God has placed us on purpose? (county, neighborhood, and etc...)

What can you personally start doing?

DO SOMETHING

Think of someone God has been putting on your heart. Act on ways you can show care to them and provide of community.

RESOURCES

ATM: "Radio" – 12Stone Church, October 20, 2019

"3 Ways the Church Can Build Better Community" – RELEVANT Magazine

Vision 2021 – 12Stone Church