

# God's Love for the Nations and Neighborhoods in a COVID-19 World

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## God's Love for the Nations in a COVID-19 World Psalm 96

Psalm 96:1-3 – *“Sing to the Lord a new song; Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day. 3 Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.”*

- Eric's conversation with Jon Burns

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## God's Love for the Neighborhoods in a COVID-19 World Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10:36-37 – *“Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?” And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”*

- 3 key questions in this story
  - What must I do to inherit eternal life? (Luke 10:25)
  - Who is my neighbor? (Luke 10:29)
  - Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robber's hands? (Luke 10:36)

## Next Steps:

**Join us in praying and fasting for our nations and neighborhoods this Tuesday, March 31**

Throughout history, God's people have prayed and fasted when faced with difficult circumstances. In this historical Covid-19 moment of such uncertainty, we feel called as a church to set aside Tuesday, March 31 from 9:00am to 9:00pm, to pray and fast and ask God for healing, protection and wisdom for our nations and neighborhoods. We invite you to fast for the day (from a meal or media) and pray with us by signing up online for a 15-minute time slot at [calvarylife.org/prayer](http://calvarylife.org/prayer)

Throughout the day, we will be hosting live moments of prayer led by our Calvary pastors for you to join in with as well at 9:00am, 10:02am, Noon, 7:00pm and 8:45pm. Connect with us on Facebook at [fb.com/calvarylife](https://www.facebook.com/calvarylife)

Let's come together as a united church family and let's live out the words of the apostle Paul in Romans 12:12, *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*

## Digging Deeper and LifeGroup Discussion:

There are 3 key questions raised in the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37

1. In verse 25, The lawyer asks, *"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"* If a friend or a family member were to ask you this same question today how would you answer them? What passages in the Bible would you share with them to support your answer?
2. In verse 29, the lawyer again asks a question of Jesus, *"...and who is my neighbor?"* Using the parable of the "Good Samaritan", how would you answer this question?
3. In verse 36, Jesus asks the question, *"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robber's hands?"* The lawyer reluctantly answers in verse 37, *"the one who showed mercy on him."* Jesus then tells the lawyer to *"go and do the same."* What would it practically look like for you in our modern world and in this unique moment in history to "go and do the same?" What holds you back from going and doing the same?

## Resources and Reminders regarding COVID-19 Coronavirus:

**Worship Service Live-Stream:** Calvary will not be having in-person, on-campus groups or services until further notice. The Worship Service will be streamed live online each Sunday at 9:30am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at [calvarylife.org/live](https://calvarylife.org/live)

**Online or In-Person Giving:** Please pray for those who are affected economically by this virus and for our church finances as well, that God would sustain and provide through this challenging season. Please consider mailing a donation to the church or you can give online simply and securely this week at [calvarylife.org/give](https://calvarylife.org/give)

**Resources for Kids:** Find ideas for families to help "do church" with their kids on these Sundays at [calvarylife.org/live](https://calvarylife.org/live). This webpage will be updated with info before the corresponding Sunday.

**Resources for LifeGroups:** LifeGroups will not be meeting in homes or on campus at this time but are encouraged to meet using online platforms. Contact Robert Carter at [rcarter@calvarylife.org](mailto:rcarter@calvarylife.org) if you would like help setting up an online meeting for your group.

**Prayer Response:** Please pray for healing and the defeat of the coronavirus. Pray for God to allow us to use this season to bring Him glory and to see many come to salvation in Christ. Please also pray for all of our missionaries as they continue their work around the world and deal with problems caused by this epidemic. Let us know how we can be praying for you by sharing your request at [calvarylife.org/prayer](https://calvarylife.org/prayer)

Check our website for updates in the coming days at [calvarylife.org/health](https://calvarylife.org/health)