



"Love Will Make a Way"  
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### **USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

***You are in the "sweet spot" of God's will.***

**[Deuteronomy 2.36, LB]**

*We conquered everything...Not one city was too strong for us, for The Lord our God gave all of them to us.*

**\*Look it up: Utica Mayor, 60 Minutes Interview**

***Heaven in, hell out.***

**Celtic Christians 12th Century coined a phrase about "thin places": where the work of Holy Spirit becomes visible to human eyes.**

## ***It begins with praying dangerous prayers!***

**[Matthew 6.33, GW]**

*But first, be concerned about his kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these things will be provided for you.*

**[Matthew 6.9-10, KJV]**

*Pray this way...Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.*

**[Isaiah 55.8-9, MSG]**

*"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work." "For as the sky soars high about earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think."*

## ***God gives us keys to the Kingdom.***

**1. God's love will open our EYES!**

**[Zechariah 4.2, NCV]**

*Then the angel who was talking with me returned and woke me up as if I had been asleep. He asked me, "What do you see?"*

### **THE FATHER'S HOUSE MISSION STATEMENT**

***The Father's House exists so that people far from God would find life in Christ.***

**[Luke 10.25-29, NKJV/LB (v.29)/MSG (v.29)]**

*a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" So he answered and said, "You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' " And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*The man wanted to justify his lack of love for some kinds of people, so he asked, "Which neighbors?"*

*Looking for a loophole, he asked, And just how would you define 'neighbor'?*

## ***We can live seeing, but not noticing!***

**The Priest & Levite Noticed the Man but did not Stop!**

**Were the priest & Levite headed home?**

\*Over 12,000 Priests and Levites lived in Jericho and traveled back and forth to Jerusalem on a regular basis!

The Question Is...

How many actual encounters did Priests & Levites have where they never stopped to help...but just walked by?

Learning to See the Invisible God in Very Visible People All Around Us!

**[1 John 4.20, MSG]**

*If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see?*

**2. God's love will open our hands in generosity.**

**\*Neighbor: someone near or close by--any person irrespective of race or religion--that's close!**

**[2 Corinthians 1.12, CEV]**

*We were guided by God's wonderful kindness instead of by the wisdom of the world.*

***Because I believe in the supernatural power of  
Almighty God.***

**[Proverbs 19.17, NCV]**

*Being kind to the poor is like lending to The Lord; He'll reward you for what you've done.*

***When you use and share what you have, it multiplies!***

**[Philemon 2.13, NLT]**

*God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him.*

**[Philemon 1.6, NLT]**

*You are generous because of your faith. And I am praying that you will really put your generosity to work, for in so doing you will come to an understanding of all the good things we can do for Christ.*

***Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence, or learning.--Frederick Faber***

**3. God's love will open our hearts in compassion.**

**[Mark 9.22, GW]**

*If it's possible for you, put yourself in our place, and help us!*

**God identifies himself as the defender of the poor and helpless.**

**[Zechariah 7.9-10, NLT]**

*This is what The Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion...Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor.'*

***Compassion reaches and touches in supernatural ways.***

**[Mark 1.40-45, NLT]**

*Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."*

**[Proverbs 3.27, MSG]**

*Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person.*

**[2 Thessalonians 1.11, NLT]**

*So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What is the difference between a good idea and a "God idea?" ("Wish I had thought of that" vs. "I would have never have thought of that.")
2. What are some keys to the kingdom that God has given you for your life, for your influence in other's lives, and for your city?
3. Why do you think the church sometimes gets more mystical than practical? (proclamation vs. demonstration) What are some tangible practicalities that you can do to meet the needs of those around you, as a representation of Christ?
4. What is something you believe God to supernaturally multiply?