

Sermon: Love and grace

God's character

Matthew 5:43-48

God loves _____.

Surpassing the Pharisees

It's easy to be kind to people who _____.

Someone has to _____.

It takes a miracle to _____.

Proverbs 24:17-18

Bible Study: Love and grace

Getting to know you

1. Have you ever received help from someone outside of your close circle of friends and family? How did it make you feel?

Going deeper

2. Read Luke 10:25-37. Is it surprising to you that the Pharisee questioning Jesus answered his own question in the same way Jesus would have? What does this say about the uniqueness of Jesus' teaching?
3. Why do you think Jesus made the “villains” of the story a priest and a Levite?
4. Jesus made the hero of the story a Samaritan, perhaps the most hated ethnic group for the Jewish people. What does this teach us about loving our neighbor?

5. How can we do a better job of loving our neighbors who aren't like us?

Putting it into practice

6. Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone you have wronged from whom you need forgiveness? What is the first step in reconciliation? Put it into practice by taking that first step this week.