

DIGGING IN

QUESTIONS FROM CHAPEL



Each week, we'll supply discussion questions as a follow-up to our Chapel speakers. Listen to the podcast on your own, or with your small group, and use these questions to help stimulate your discussion.

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We have a tendency to walk past trash on the ground. Either we just don't notice it or we see it and think something like "How can people leave this stuff lying around?" or "Someone should really take care of that".

1. Brenda talks about standing in front of the grocery store with her daughter, raising money for her daughter's school. Listen to that story. Have you ever felt ignored? Not seen? Describe the situation. How did it make you feel? What would have helped?
2. Read Luke 10:25-37. What struck you most about what Brenda said? What challenged you? What was new?
3. Listen to Brenda talk about the 4 characters that appear in the parable. Jot down notes under each of the following categories:
 - a. The Lawyer
 - b. The Priest
 - c. The Levite
 - d. The Samaritan

Talk about these characters together. How did each character respond to the beaten man? How did they embrace walking into the mess or not? Have you encountered people like this in your life? What kind of impact have they left on you? Can you relate to any of these characters? Is there any small part of one of these characters you find in yourself? How do you feel about that?

4. Do the exercise together that North Park did at the end of the message. Brenda said that we can't fix everything, but we can pick up something. Pray right now for God to show you the messy situation or the messy person that you have walked past. Then, go out with your group and pick up some trash on the street. Bring it back with you to your gathering place and write the name of the situation or person God brought to mind. Lay it at the feet of a cross or in a basket that you can pray over. Ask God for forgiveness in walking past it. And then ask God to help you walking into the situation or with the person.