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SERIES	The Bible has a lot to say to each of us. Different verses speak to us at different times, but often, there are a few highlighted verses we keep coming back to. Let's hear from our pastors about the verses they live by and why they're so meaningful.

In his sermon, Pastor Doug spoke about "Reckless Love." He also referenced the story of the Good Samaritan as described in Luke 10:25-37. In verse 37, we learned that as the Good Samaritan had mercy on the man who had been beaten, we should "Go and do likewise." In other words, we should be a neighbor to those in need.

Hebrews 6:10 also tells us: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

Jesus is our example of how we are to treat others. As you study this sermon think about changes you can make in your life to walk more like Jesus and love like He does.

1) Pastor Doug talks about God's reckless love for us. How would you describe reckless love? How has God shown this love to you? How can you show that to another?

2) Today's sermon illustrated investing. The world looks at investments as good or bad. God invested everything in us by sending His only Son to die for us...while we were sinners. How is this different than the world's view of sinners and how does God see us instead?

3) The story of the Good Samaritan includes Jesus' command from Luke 10:27 to "Love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind; and love our neighbor as yourself." What does loving your neighbor as yourself mean to you? Are you as compassionate towards others as you could be? Why is this so challenging for us?

4) Have you ever needed help due to an unfortunate incident that happened to you, and then were surprised by an 'unlikely' Good Samaritan that came to your aid? Describe this situation.

5) Have you ever tried to be a Good Samaritan and had the individual(s) refuse your help? How did it make you feel?

6) Have you ever failed to respond to a person in need and later wished that you had helped them, or helped them more? What caused you to question your judgment? Was it the Holy Spirit?

7) There have been reports that some people have posed as someone in need and collected a significant amount of money (i.e. through a GoFundMe account or by dressing as a beggar). Should we try to validate a person's need through conversation or just give and move on?

8) God loves each one of us equally with an awesome love. However, loving our neighbors and interacting with others can be quite challenging at times, especially with everything going on in the world today. How can you stay focused on God's love when interacting with others who do not look and think as you?

In conclusion, think about the words in Acts 20:35. Here, in Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders, he tells the audience to remember "the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."