



# ABIDE The FRONT PORCH CHRISTIAN

## ICEBREAKER

What do you do to be intentional about leaving your home and getting out into public spaces to meet others?

## SCRIPTURE READING

• **Read: Luke 10:25-37** — <sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ <sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

• **What does being fruitful mean?**

- ... in our generosity?
- ... in our love towards others?
- ... in our service?
- ... with our spiritual gifts?
- ... to build up the Church?

• **Read: John 15:3**

People isolate themselves from people because they want to be insulated from people

**How have you seen this to be true?**

**Have you seen yourself moving toward isolation and insulation?**

**If you have, can you share with the group as to why?**

**If you have, what might you do to overcome this direction to be able to interact more with others to share about your life? your faith? your God?**

- Being faithful is the floor level of being a Christian. As followers of Jesus we are called to be more than faithful, we are called to be fruitful.

**What changes has God been speaking to you to “get off your donkey?” - to become a front porch Christian?**

- Take time to reflect on the past 9 week in the ABIDE series  
1) The WHY, 2) The SOURCE, 3) The CARE, 4) The PRUNING, 5) The CONNECTION, 6) The CONSEQUENCE, 7) The PROMISE, 8) The GLORY and 9) The FRONT PORCH CHRISTIAN.

**Which message challenged you the most?**

**What was one of the greatest take-a-ways that you have been equipped with?**

**How has this message series equipped you to do the work of ministry in your home, workplace and community?**

## THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

God desires each one of us to engage with those in our lives. The challenge for our final session of this series is pray and ask God who it is that He is asking you to reach out to and to demonstrate the fruitfulness from your life by evidenced in the fruit He has been and is growing in you. Connect with this person and be available - get off your donkey - and get involved in another's life. We are blessed to be a blessing - so be a blessing as the Lord leads you.

## MEMORY VERSE

*“Then He said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.” — Luke 9:23*

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