

# Royal Redeemer

## CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for March 30-31, 2019:

*Address the Mess: Move Toward the Mess*



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

1. What are your plans for Easter this year?

- **Grow**

(read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*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. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 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. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[e] 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.' 36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."*

**Luke 10:30-37**

2. Who are the people in your life that you would help out of a mess no matter what? What is it about those relationships that motivates you to move past any discomfort to help?
3. Talk about a time when someone moved toward your mess. How has that experience shaped you?
4. Read Luke 10:25–37. Which person or group of people are you tempted to disqualify from “neighbor” status? What makes you hesitant to move toward that mess?
5. In his book *Move Toward the Mess*, John Hambrick says, “Move toward a mess, but not every mess. If you try to move toward every mess, you’ll make a bigger mess.” What are some ways you decide which messes to move toward?

- **Serve**

- Is there a mess in someone else’s life that you need to move toward? How can this group support you?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**