



# Breaking Down the Walls

Week of March 5-11

*This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your life group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own before your group meets. The purpose of this guide is to help facilitate discussion and to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.*

## SERIES RECAP

When Jesus came, He initiated a whole new way of living that went against many of the cultural rules that existed in His day. Jesus was the ultimate rule breaker! Jesus showed us how to truly LOVE our neighbors.

## SERMON SUMMARY

Loving our neighbor is something we hear in church all the time. In this sermon, we'll look at a story that will teach us how to love our neighbor and break down walls.

## MAIN TEXT

Acts 4:15-20, Luke 10:25-37, Ephesians 2:13-14, 18.

## GETTING STARTED

Are you a rule maker or a rule breaker? Why? If you are one, what do you think of the other?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read Acts 4:15-20.**
2. Were Peter and John breaking a law? How should Christians handle some laws?
3. **Read Luke 10:25-29.**
4. **What was the test? What justification was the young man seeking?**
5. **Read Luke 10:30-37.**
6. List the characters in the story. What "nationality" was the traveler? Why is that important?
7. Why do you think Jesus selected those three characters?
8. **What would you say is the feeling in America of Christian religious leaders? Why?**
9. Gandhi is quoted as saying: "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."
10. **What is your reaction to that?**

11. **Read Ephesians 2:13-14, 18.**

12. **What walls have been broken down?**

13. **What walls still exist for you? What are you doing to break them down?**

14. **What is God asking you to do?**

## NEXT STEPS

Loving our neighbor is easy when we like them. What neighbors around you require more love? Make plans now to break down those walls.

## DISCIPLESHIP STORY

### THIS WEEK

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The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37

1. Name the characters in the story. Why did Jesus pick these characters?
2. What rule was broken? Written or unwritten? Why?
3. When you encounter someone in need, what is your inclination?
4. Right now, who are you in this story?
5. What did you learn about man in this story?
6. What did you learn about God in this story?
7. What does God want you to do?

## DISCIPLESHIP STORY NEXT WEEK

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