Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life, written by Luke.

The law (v25-26) refers to laws given by God to the Jewish people. Debates between religious leaders (or law experts) was common practice.

Both the Levite (v32) and the priest (v31) were religious leaders who should have been the 'good examples'.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

Jesus says to inherit eternal life you must love your neighbor and tells a story of an unexpected person showing love to a stranger.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

A SERVANT'S HEART: UNEXPECTED

Luke 10:25 – 37 (NIV)

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he
asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"
27 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.'"
28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."
29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my
neighbor?"
30 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. 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 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."

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

Pray that God will help you recognize unexpected service opportunities this week. Choose a time later this week to think of an opportunity that came up and what made you decide to help or not help:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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