



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 1: Neighbors?

Suggested Week of Use: Month 7, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 10:25-37

News Story Summary

Paul LeBas of Lafayette, LA and Frank Cano of Katy, TX are cousins. When Lafayette was impacted by Hurricane Laura last year, Cano organized his neighbors and supplied hot meals, diapers, and other items to LeBas and his neighbors. When Cano and his neighbors lost power and water during the recent winter storm that impacted much of Texas, LeBas secured plumbing supplies which were then delivered to Cano and his neighbors. Much of Cano's neighbors were able to fix their pipes as a result.

For more about this story, search "Paying it forward Lafayette and Katy".

Focus Attention

To replace the Begin idea under Focus Attention, share the story about the neighborhoods helping each other during a weather-related disaster. Note that only one person from each area is known to be related. Invite the group to propose reasons people from other states might step in to help others. Follow the discussion by inviting a volunteer to read the first paragraph for the session, using the suggestion under Transition as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To replace the Reinforce idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the story about LeBas and Cano helping each other and their neighbors over the past year. Lead the group to discuss how the actions of the cousins and their neighbors illustrate what Jesus was teaching in this parable. Complete the step by asking the question included in the Reinforce suggestion: *In the coming week, where might we have opportunities to demonstrate our love for God by loving others.* Complete the step using the Review idea.