

CITY LG – June 19- 20, 2025

Today's Bible Story: Carry You Home (Care for One Another / Good Samaritan) • *Galatians 6:2*
(Supporting: *Luke 10:25-37*)

Today's Bottom Line: Care for one another.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had.* Romans 15:5 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

WORSHIP

Sing Wherever I go
Free

Hey everybody! Welcome back to The City!

Let's start out by seeing how everybody's doing today! If you're having a pretty good day, give me a thumbs-up like this (*demonstrate*). And if you're having a pretty 'okay' day, give me a thumb-sideways like this (*demonstrate*). And finally, if you're having a rough day, give me a thumbs-down like this (*demonstrate*). Okay, cool! Well, whatever kind of day you're having, it's about to get better because we're going to play a game we like to call: 'Swimming, Canoe, Paddleboard!' It's a game you play with motions!

First, I need to show you the motions for each of the three things and I need a small group leader to come up and help me.

Choose a Small Group Leader to come up

'Swimming' is moving your arms in front of you as though you're swimming the freestyle stroke—like this (*demonstrate*). For 'Canoe,' you're going to move your arms like this, as though you're paddling oars through the water (*demonstrate*). And then finally, 'Paddleboard' is when you lie down on the ground with your feet up and paddle like this, like you're going out in the water on a paddleboard (*demonstrate*).

For each round of the game, you'll choose one of these motions or actions to do. Once everyone has chosen their 'Swimming,' 'Canoe,' or 'Paddleboard' stance, then [Small Group Leader's Name] will choose one and turn around to do that motion.

If you've chosen the same motion as [Small Group Leader's Name], then you're still in. Everyone else will be out. We'll do a practice round, and then will do as many as it takes to get a winner!

Ready for a practice round? Great! Let's go! (*Pause as the Small Group Leader Volunteer leads a practice round.*)

Play several rounds, if you have time.

That was really fun! Today, we're going to be talking about what it looks like to live and love like Jesus. Did you know we can do that, and it can actually change the world? But we can't do it in our own strength. Check out what a follower of Jesus named Paul wrote in the book of Romans.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

Open the Bible to Romans 15:5 (NIRV) and read.

Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had. (Romans 15:5, NIRV)

If we want to live like Jesus, we need to care for one another. We can see a great example of that in our story today—this story is recorded in a book of the Bible called Luke. (*Hold up Bible.*)

During Jesus' time on Earth, He traveled to many towns and cities, teaching people about God. To help people understand, Jesus often used something called parables!

You might be wondering what a parable is! That's a great question! 'Parables' are short stories that teach about God and God's Kingdom. Parables often use everyday objects and situations to teach. Since Jesus was a master storyteller, His stories encouraged people to think deeply about His messages and help them remember what He said. Let's look at one of those parables...

VIDEO: Bible Story 10:47

Jesus' story made it clear that our neighbors aren't just the people we like or who live near us. A neighbor is ANYONE we meet who needs our help. When we love others like Jesus, we can know that we are living the way God created us to live. Let's stand up for our bottom line.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

Care for one another.

SLIDE: Theme

The most amazing way God showed His love for everyone is by sending Jesus. Before this, we were separated from God by our sin or the things that we choose to do instead of following what God wants us to do. But He loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we can have a close relationship with God. And when you choose to believe in God and follow Jesus, then God helps you truly care for other people just like Jesus does.

One of the best ways we can love like Jesus is to care for one another and for the people who God puts in our path every day. Jesus reminded us that we can care for people who are different from us.

Sometimes caring for one another looks like volunteering to help clean up toys before you're even asked. Or maybe even cleaning up a mess that you didn't even make. Caring for one another could be spending time with a friend who is sad or helping your mom or dad around the house when they're not feeling well.

Those are all ways we can 'Live It Out,' by discovering how to love like Jesus! Let's pray.

Dear God, thank You for the parables that Jesus told to help all of us understand how we are supposed to treat each other. Please help us to treat others the way we want to be treated and to love others like Jesus does. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

We started supporting a new organization with our offering this month. We are going to help kids and adults who live right near us! Our mission is Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities in Homer Glen, IL. Their mission is to give kids and adults the same kind of camp experience that kids without disabilities can enjoy.

SLIDES: Shady Oaks 1-3

I'm so excited that we are raising money to help Shady Oaks provide summer camps for people with disabilities! If you brought offering money, you may bring it up.