## full knowledge deep devotion

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1 John 4:7-21	Who is my neighbour?
Luke 10:25-37	How do we be neighbours?

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We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

## **Going Deeper**

Take some time this week to discuss these questions with others.

- 1. When you hear the words, "a loving person," who is the first person that comes to mind? What makes them a loving person?
- 2. How do you think our society defines or understands love today?
- 3. Read 1 John 4:7-21. What does this passage of Scripture teach us about love?
- 4. Why do you think loving others is so important to God?

## **Reflection & Application**

Take a moment to prayerfully consider the following questions.

What is one thing I learned about God today?

Why does this matter?

How might knowing this affect the way I live?

- 5. Read Luke 10:25-37. What does this story teach us about the nature of love?
- 6. Who are your neighbours?
- 7. Why is loving others sometimes difficult to do?
- 8. What might loving others look like practically in your life? What is one small thing you can do this week to show love to someone you might not typically show love to?