Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer

2. Welcome any newcomers

3. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

**CONNECT Group study questions for February 19, 2017**

**Title:** Just Do Something — Luke 10:25-37

**Review**: A mature disciple of Jesus Christ does four things consistently:

Loves God

Loves Others

Loves Ministry

Loves the Lost

**Read:** Luke 10:25-37

 *And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”*

*But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”*

***Question****: The lawyer asked a good question, but the text says he did so to “put [Jesus] to the test.”*

 Have you ever been “put to the test” by a friend, neighbor or co-worker who asked you about your faith? How ready were you with an answer?

**Read**: 1Peter 3:15-16

*“...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.”*

**Question**: Compare Jesus’ response to the lawyer with Peter’s exhortation in 1 Peter 3:15-16. Take a few minutes to share questions you have been asked about your faith. If someone were to ask the reason for the hope you have, what would be an answer that reflects gentleness and respect? **Facilitator**: Many of us think later: ‘I should have said ….’ Let’s prepare for the questions, so we can be ready.

**Question**: Pastor Peppy identified three characters in the Good Samaritan story: the thieves, the priest and levite, and the Samaritan.

 Which of the three do you suppose the lawyer would naturally identify as most like himself, and why? Which of the three do you identify with, and why? What motivated the priest and Levite to act differently than the Samaritan when they came upon the wounded guy?

**Question**: Pastor Peppy assigned an attitude to each of the three characters in Jesus’ story.

 What are they? **Facilitator**: What’s yours is mine so I will take it, What’s mine is mine so I will keep it, and What’s mine is yours so I will give it.”

 Where can we find these same attitudes on display in everyday life? In our workplace? In our church? In our family?

**Question**: What set the Samaritan apart was “he had compassion.”

 Assuming compassion is to be desired, how would you go about getting compassion? Where does compassion come from? A person who is continually needy takes a toll on the person who is compassionate. Should you draw a line? If so when, where and how would you draw a line?