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When a scandal hits the headlines, it usually becomes what makes someone famous. A scandalous moment is a moment remembered, often forever. Sadly, today's church can often be associated with embarrassing and evil scandals, but the first-century church wasn't like that. Jesus and the early Christians shocked their world for different reasons. In this series, we'll see how the first church was known for scandalous things like unconditional love, truth with grace, resilience, and generosity that shocked people. In our polarized, cancel-culture world, we'll learn how your life can be scandalous for all the right reasons.

Bottom Line: Open your door, open your calendar, open a seat, and you're open to what God might do.

Scripture: [Luke 10:25-37 NLT](#)

Getting Started:

1. What do you think it is about scandals that our culture is attracted to? What makes them memorable stories that people share?
2. When you hear about the impact of the scandalous living (in a good way) of the early church, what inspires you about it? What's challenging about it?

Diving In:

3. Read [Luke 10:25-29](#). Here we see this expert in the scriptures trying to justify his actions. How do we sometimes do this in our lives? How do we do this with our faith?
4. Read [Luke 10:30-37](#). Jesus tells a story to illustrate a scandalous way of living. Take a few minutes to recap the reasons it would have been scandalous at that time.
5. In the moment where you see the opportunity to run toward someone, what most often holds you back? What keeps you from being FOR someone in their mess?
6. One of our convictions as a church is: "People won't know that Jesus is FOR them until they know that we're FOR them." What does this mean to you in the context of the Good Samaritan story?
7. When you think about opening up your door, your calendar, or a seat, what excites you about what God might do (even if you are a little nervous)?

8. As we come out of COVID and return to normal activities, the people around us are struggling and often looking to connect. Is there someone in your life who you already know you need to be FOR? How can you begin to pray for them?
9. Read [Romans 10:14-15](#) and unpack what these verses are calling you to do. Take a moment to pray for those around you who need you to be Jesus to them in this season.

Moving Forward:

Being a part of a church made up of individuals across Simcoe County who gather in-person and online opens up so many opportunities to reach the 300,000+ people who live here and aren't in church. It's a God-sized vision. However, it all happens one relationship, one invite, one online share at a time. Who can you begin to pray for and get in the corner of this week? Decide a simple, practical way to reach out to that person and encourage them.