

# 25-0709wc - Detailed Summary

## 25-0709wc - *The Truth Project, Tour 12, Scott Reynolds*

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## 25-0709 - Community & Involvement

Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 4:26)

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**Teacher:** Scott Reynolds

#### (0:04 - 0:46) Introduction to Lesson 12: Community and Involvement

The class introduces Lesson 12 of *The Truth Project*, a Focus on the Family series, titled "Community and Involvement, God Cares, Do I?" Presented by Dr. Del Tackett, this lesson concludes the worldview tour by exploring God's heart for the needy and His call for Christians to actively serve as neighbors through compassionate action. Grounded in the greatest commandments from Matthew 22:36-40—to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself—the lesson frames community involvement as essential. Tackett emphasizes that being a neighbor, as shown in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:36), means taking on the role of the one who helps, reflecting God's love through proactive mercy.

#### (0:47 - 1:39) Defining the Neighbor: The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Dr. Tackett reframes the parable of the Good Samaritan as the "parable of the good neighbor," highlighting Jesus' teaching in Luke 10:36 that the neighbor is the one who shows mercy, not the one who receives it. When a lawyer asks, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus illustrates a Samaritan who selflessly aids a wounded stranger, demonstrating that being a neighbor is about taking action to care for others, regardless of societal boundaries. This perspective expands the neighbor's identity to include anyone who actively serves the marginalized—such as the poor, orphans, widows, prisoners, and outcasts—challenging believers to embody God's compassion by choosing to help those in need.

#### (1:39 - 2:31) God's Heart for the Lowly

The lesson explores God's prioritization of the lowly and defenseless, as seen in Psalm 138:6 and Isaiah 57:15, which highlight His care for the humble. Tackett introduces the Greek word *tapeinos*, meaning humble or lowly, used in Matthew 11:28-29 to describe Jesus as "gentle and humble in heart." This active humility, exemplified by Jesus washing His disciples' feet (John 13) and sacrificing His life (John 14:9), reflects the Father's compassionate heart. By acting as a neighbor

who serves, as in the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus models how believers should engage with the needy, taking initiative to show mercy and lift up the marginalized.

### **(2:31 - 3:04) Humility in Action: Jesus as the Model**

Tackett stresses that humility, as modeled by Jesus, is not timidity but bold, sacrificial action. Jesus, the ultimate neighbor, served others courageously, as seen in His confrontation of injustice and selfless acts like laying down His life (John 14:9). Scriptures like Psalm 35:10 and Isaiah 65:1-2 illustrate God's compassion for the broken, reinforcing that being a neighbor means actively reaching out to the obstinate and hurting. Tackett's point from Luke 10:36—that the neighbor is the one who helps—underscores that believers must emulate Jesus' proactive humility, choosing to serve others as an expression of God's heart.

### **(3:05 - 3:50) God's Call to Holiness and Humility**

The lesson transitions to God's call for believers to mirror His character in holiness and humility, emphasizing that just as God is holy, He commands, "Be holy, for I am holy," and similarly, "Be humble because I am humble." This call aligns with being a neighbor who acts with compassion, as exemplified by the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:36). Tackett highlights that God's care for the needy obligates believers to take on the role of the helper, actively serving the marginalized. The teacher, Scott, notes that the next week's discussion will explore practical involvement, building on this foundation of proactive humility.

### **(3:51 - 4:26) Looking Ahead: The Engagement Project**

The final section previews Tackett's later work, noting that *The Truth Project* lays the theological groundwork for being a neighbor who helps but does not provide specific steps for involvement. Scott mentions that Tackett developed *The Engagement Project* over the next two decades to offer practical guidance for believers to act as neighbors through compassionate service. This upcoming series builds on the principle from Luke 10:36, encouraging believers to take initiative in serving their communities, embodying the active, merciful role of the neighbor as taught by Jesus.