

**Loving, Life-Giving People**  
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**The Butterfly Effect**

- Small actions → big ripple effects
- One life touches another life → both are changed
- Our vision: Loving, Life-Giving People Bringing Hope + Healing in Jesus

**How Do I Inherit Eternal Life? (Luke 10:25-29)**

- Eternal life = life with God as He intended
- Love God + Love people
- Jesus: "Do this, and you will live"

**The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)**

- Priest + Levite: chose safety over compassion
- Samaritan: moved with compassion, acted sacrificially
- Love = seeing beyond categories, entering pain
- Life-Giving = restoring dignity, health, and hope

**The Ripple Effect**

- One story → a global ethic of compassion
- Early church, laws, hospitals, movements, everyday acts
- The world still longs for Loving, Life-Giving People

**What Does It Mean to Be Loving?**

- Formation: Receive Jesus' love
- Action: Love is a verb
- Witness: By this the world will know (John 13:34-35)

**What Does It Mean to Be Life-Giving?**

- Presence-driven, not performance-driven
- Bring encouragement, peace, joy
- Refresh others with the Spirit (John 7:38)

**People + Equal Status**

- This is our collective identity—not just staff
- Don't just attend a loving, life-giving church—become one
- Love as equals, not projects (Philippians 2)

**The Envelope Challenge**

- One act. One week. One ripple.
- \$10 to love and give life beyond your normal circles
- Imagine the ripple if every person at Eastview did this