

# Study Guide

## Violence Against Women and Children on the Mexico-US Border

### Video 2: Femicidios – Femicide

This is the second of four videos dealing with violence against women and children on the Mexico-US Border. The focus is on the women who have gone missing or have been tortured and murdered. Most of the footage is from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and El Paso, Texas.

#### BIBLE STUDY

##### Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' 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 given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, 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 while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, \* gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

#### Questions

1. Who is my neighbor in my community? In the world?
2. What violence is occurring in my community, and what is our response as Christians?
3. Do you agree with Rev. Casal's statement, "Where there is no danger, there is no mission"? Why or why not?
4. Women are exploited and the victims of violence in this situation. Why does this continue to happen? What needs to change – both nationally and globally – in order for women to live safely?

#### ACTIONS

##### Pray, Give, Get Involved, Learn More

1. Celebrated a social justice and awareness Sunday related to this issue. (October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month; April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month) Invite people who are working with domestic violence and sexual assault to speak.
2. Learn about VAWA, the Violence Against Women Act, and encourage your representatives in Washington to continue to support this important act.