

LIKE A GOOD Neighbor



Take it Seriously
WEEK ONE

The reason Jesus came to this earth was to:

- _____ us from our _____ and _____ selves.
- _____ us into His _____ that leads us to love our neighbors in the same way we are loved by God.

What would it look like to take Jesus' commandment to "love our neighbors as ourselves" _____?

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷He answered, "'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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

Jesus gives direction through his question, "Which _____ the neighbor?"

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

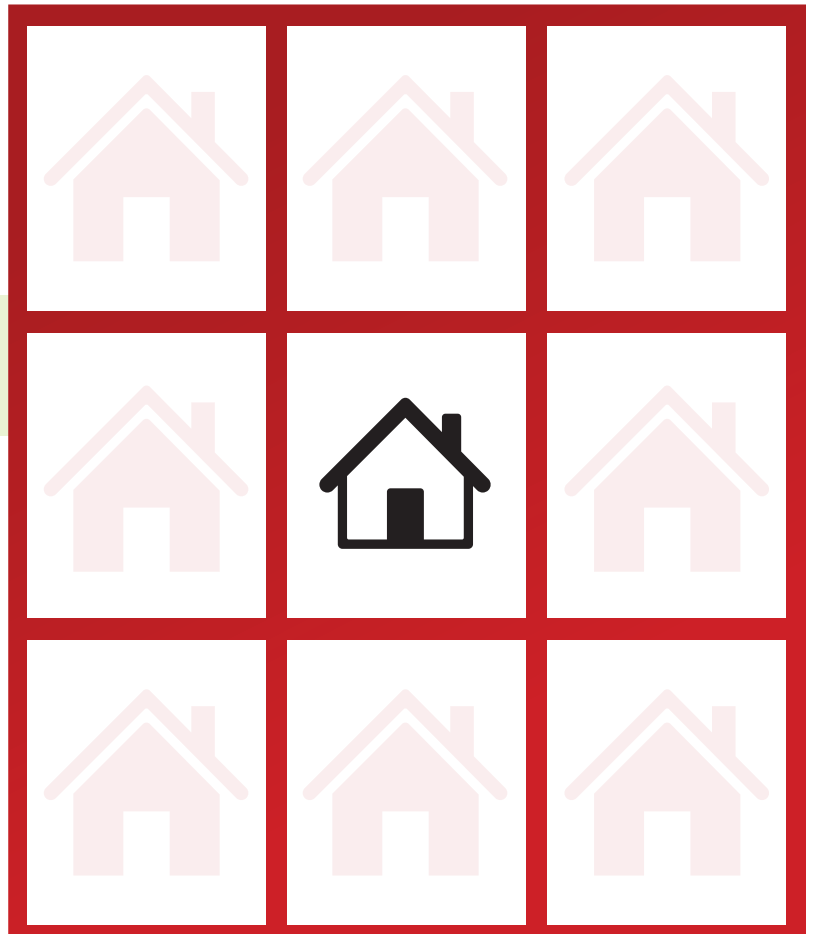
I will be the _____ to my neighbors in need.

I must challenge the _____ I have about my neighbors.

All of my neighbors are in _____ of something Jesus wants to give.

I must build a _____ with my neighbors so I can know them and learn how to serve them.

Being a neighbor begins by learning their _____ and learning more about them.



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SERIES BIG IDEA

We will be the _____ positioned to BLESS.

- _____ with prayer.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

MY NOTES



TEACHING SUMMARY:

Every person ever born has needs that can only be filled by others. When we are young we are reliant on others for sustenance, as we grow we need to be taught how to provide for ourselves, and as adults we need others for our inner need for community.

Every person also has needs that only God knows but can be filled by those who call Christ Lord. To discover how God wants to use us in the lives of our neighbors, relationship is required.

As we get to know others we will see that loving our neighbors isn't primarily a feeling, it is decisive action directed by the Holy Spirit.

So what is one step you can take to engage in that relationship? Do you know your neighbors names? Do you know anything about them that you couldn't tell by looking at their yard or car? Do you know their story?

Today is the day to take that one step into relationship that could lead to Christ changing their lives forever.

TALK IT OVER:

What did the message teach you about Jesus?

What did it teach you about you?

What did it show you about how Jesus wants you to live your life? Are you willing to submit to His leadership in your beliefs and decisions? Why or Why not?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1) Leviticus 19:16-18 & Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Day 2) Romans 13:8-10

Day 3) Galatians 5:13-14

Day 4) James 2:8-11

Day 5) John 13:34-35

Day 6) John 15:8-14