

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

INTO THE BIBLE

"As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.'"

Matthew 14:15-16 NIV

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40 NIV

"If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord - and He will repay you!"

Proverbs 19:17 NLT

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:17-18 NIV

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19 NIV

"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.'"

John 4:39-42 NIV

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

To Empower My Neighbors, I Am Called To...

- 1. To Serve Others, Not Save Others**
- 2. To Relate With People, Not Rescue People**
- 3. To Reach Out, Not Reach Down**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Share an example of a time that your intentions were to help someone in need but it ended up hurting instead.*
- 2. If being poor is more of a mindset than a lack of something material, how does that change the way you try to help?*
- 3. Do you tend to be a responsive giver or a proactive giver? Why?*
- 4. Name one organization that you believe in that is making a difference in helping empower people in need?*
- 5. Share a time when you were in need and someone helped you.*

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask God to give you wisdom on how to help your neighbors. Look for ways that you can love and serve them right now, but also, how you can impact them beyond the here and now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STRESSED OUT?

Are you feeling stressed out during this season? Many of us are. But, we are not meant to live that way! Let's bring back the joy and push out the stress! Join us for a new series, "Stressed Out" beginning on August 30th!

BAPTISM SUNDAY - Aug 30, 2020

Havre you been water baptized? If not, and you have placed your faith in Jesus, you can be baptized on August 30th! Baptism is an outward expression of the change Jesus has made inside of you! Sign up on the app or website!