

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

INTO THE BIBLE

“What reward do you deserve if you only love the loveable? Don't even the tax collectors do that? How are you any different from others if you limit your kindness only to your friends? Don't even the ungodly do that?”

Matthew 5:46-47 TPT

“Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. ‘He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,’ they grumbled.”

Luke 19:6-7 NLT

“Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.”

2 Timothy 2:23-26 NLT

“Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

Ephesians 4:32 NLT

“Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.”

1 Peter 3:9 NLT

“On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Romans 12:20-21 NIV

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

How To Love My Annoying Neighbor

- 1. Overlook The Offense** (Proverbs 10:12; 12:16; 19:11)
- 2. Pray For Them** (Matthew 5:43-44)
- 3. Forgive Them** (Luke 23:34)
- 4. Bless Them** (1 Peter 3:9)
- 5. Do Good To Them** (Luke 6:27-28; Matthew 10:8)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How do you usually respond to difficult people in your life?*
- 2. How can you respond in a biblical, healthy way to the difficult people in your life?*
- 3. What is one way you can practically bless your annoying neighbor this week?*
- 4. How can you see past people's behavior to the pain and struggle in their life that may be the root cause?*
- 5. How can seeing past peoples behaviors change your perspective and response to them?*

PRAYER FOCUS

This week ask God to give you a fresh perspective on your neighbors. See them as God sees them and love them as God loves them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR - Week 3!!!

WOW! If you missed week 1, make sure you check it out under "messages" on the app! Join us back for week 3 of, "Won't You Be My Neighbor." We will examine Scripture to see how Jesus interacted with His neighbors and how He instructed us to do the same. We hope you will come back and bring your friends and neighbors with you!