

HOUSE OF PRAYER

FOR

THE NATIONS

A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE BOOK OF JONAH

House of Prayer FOR the Nations: Week 3

Who is my Neighbor?

- Introduction (Someone read aloud before discussion.)

Our culture, our nation, and sometimes the church can be so clear on who we are “against”. Jesus challenged this attitude with a simple command, “love your neighbor”. Unfortunately, we can’t pick our neighbors ... they will include those that we like, those that we don’t like, and those that we just don’t see.

▪Discussion (Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.)

1. When you have a neighbor that you are having a difficult time with, do you tend to confront them, avoid them, get other neighbors against them, or egg their house in the middle of the night? Be honest!
2. *Read Luke 10:27-29.* “Love your neighbor” - how would you describe what Jesus meant to someone who had never heard that phrase? Be specific.
3. Why do we try to treat “neighbor” as a metaphor and redefine neighbor to be those that we like, agree with and understand?
4. *Read Jonah 4:1-3.* Why did Jonah run from God and from Nineveh? What was Jonah trying to prevent? Why was Jonah frustrated when God poured out mercy on the city?
5. We have been talking about Jonah for a few weeks, what has stood out to you most about Jonah’s story?

6. Nineveh was a neighboring city to Israel. God told Jonah to love his neighbor. What neighbor is God calling you to love and what would that practically look like?

▪**Ministry Time (Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”)**

God, break my heart for the things that break your heart. God, give me your heart for those that are difficult for me. God, what does it look like to love them?

▪**Spiritual Formation (This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.)**

Love is an action. Think of a small action you could do this week to communicate love to someone that you find difficult to like.

▪**Daily Reading (Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.)**

MON

Matthew 3 | Psalm 1

TUES

Luke 10 | Psalm 2

WED

Matthew 16 | Psalm 3

THUR

Luke 7 | Psalm 4

FRI

Jonah 3 | Psalm 5

SAT

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy