

**THE SIMPLEST WAY TO CHANGE THE WORLD
PART 5: THE ART OF NEIGHBORING**

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SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

John 4:5–9 (NIV)

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) – John 4:5–8

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

John 5:1-9 (NIV)

Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The art of neighboring:

- 1. Start with who you already know.**
- 2. Be willing to initiate.**
- 3. Take what is normal and make it intentional.**
- 4. Go outside.**

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GROUP DISCUSSION

As we think about hospitality, Pastor Luke talked about the importance of initiation as Jesus approached people. How have you seen that to be important as we explore this topic and live this out?

Pastor Luke said, “And I believe that this is something that he wants us to live into as well. That’s why, as we studied last week, we see that Jesus said: “whatever you do unto the least of these brothers and sisters, you do unto me.” What would this mean if we applied this to our neighborhoods?

Who do you “already know” that you can extend hospitality to?

How can you take what is normal in your life and make it intentional?

What is one creative step that you could take to practice biblical hospitality?

What steps can you take to initiate a conversation with someone new this week?