



BEAUTY OF EVANGELISM

GROUP SERIES

WEEK 6 - WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Big Idea: Disciples are good neighbors

Ice Breaker:

On the map below, write out the name of the 8 neighbors closest to you. Fill in as much information as you know (not guesses but actually know) about them (married or unmarried, what their occupation is, etc.).

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Ask:

- What are some of the characteristics or qualities of a good neighbor?
- Would the people who live closest to you call you a good neighbor?
- What are some obstacles that keep people from getting to know and build relationships with their neighbors?

Watch Video:

As a group, watch this week's video Who is My Neighbor?

Into The Word:

Read Luke 10:25-37:

"And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered, "You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Ask:

- What qualities or characteristics does Jesus value in a neighbor?
- Consider those who live closest to you. What do you know about your neighbors and on a scale of 1-10 (10 being best friends) how well do you know your neighbors?
- In the book, *The Art of Neighboring*, the question is posed, "Do I live at a pace that allows me to be available to those around me?" How would you answer that?

Read Acts 17:22-28:

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said," 'For we are indeed his offspring.'

Reread verses 26-27. How do these verses define the way in which we understand where we live and how we are to live?

What would it look like to invest in and love your neighbors?

Putting Into Practice:

Disciples are called to be good neighbors. This isn't about adding more to your plate but being intentional with the rhythms and routines of your everyday life. One of the things we all do is eat. Is there a neighbor that you can invite over or out to dinner this week to get to know?

- Identify one home from the exercise we started with that you will pray for this week and initiate a conversation with.
- This week, take honest reflection on the pace by which you live. Are you available to those

around you? This is not a question as to whether you are near them or see them but are you truly available, open, and accessible to your neighbors?

Prayer:

As a group, spend some time praying for your neighbors. If you know their names, pray for them by name together. Pray for their wellbeing and their relationships. Pray for their safety, their careers, their hopes and dreams and aspirations. Pray that they would have a personal relationship with Jesus.

