

# Neighbor[ing]

Love where you live.

## Part 7: Seeing Differently

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### Do you remember the Neighborhood Block Map?

To love requires time, attention, and

desire.

### Two Feeding Stories

Matthew 14:13-21 and Matthew

15:29-38

### Comparing the Feeding Stories

#### FEEDING OF THE 5000

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**Location** Jewish side of the lake

Gentile side of the lake

**Sequence** First

Second

**Reaction** 1 day

3 days

**Salvation** Is for me and my kind

Is for everyone

**Leftovers** 12 baskets

7 baskets

### Isaiah 25:6-8

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD Almighty will

prepare

a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of

wines.

<sup>7</sup> On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the

tears

from all faces;

he will remove the disgrace of his people

from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

### The Point of the Two Stories

Have compassion for those who are not

like us.

The condition of our neighbor has

nothing to do with our love.

### Our Challenge

1. Pray for freedom from prejudice

2. Fight your tendencies

3. Share a meal

### Next Steps

If you don't have one already, pick up a

Neighborhood Block Map today in the

Commons or at the Neighboring display

in the east hallway (Meeting Place hall).

Write in the names of neighbors you

know, and look for opportunities this

week to learn the names of neighbors you

don't know.

### Small Group Questions

1. Reread the two stories of miraculous

feedings by Jesus in Matthew (14:13-21

and 15:29-38). As you read them, what

stands out to you?

2. The disciples obviously didn't have

much room for gentiles—those who

were not part of their religion. Who

do you think people don't have much

“room for” in Whatcom County? Why?

3. Is there a race/culture/socio-economic

group you personally struggle with?

Why do you think it's hard to love

them?

4. Read Matthew 5:43-45. What sticks

out from this passage?

5. How can we pray for you right now

and throughout the week?