

The Greatest Commandment?

Love God - Love Others



Loving Your Neighbors



Luke 10: 25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied.
“***Do this and you will live.***”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Why didn't these religious leaders help?

- Religious purity?
- Were they too busy?
- Were they afraid?
- They didn't have empathy?

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Why do you think the Samaritan helped?

- Because he wasn't bound by religious rules?
- Becacause he had empathy?
- Because it was the right thing to do!

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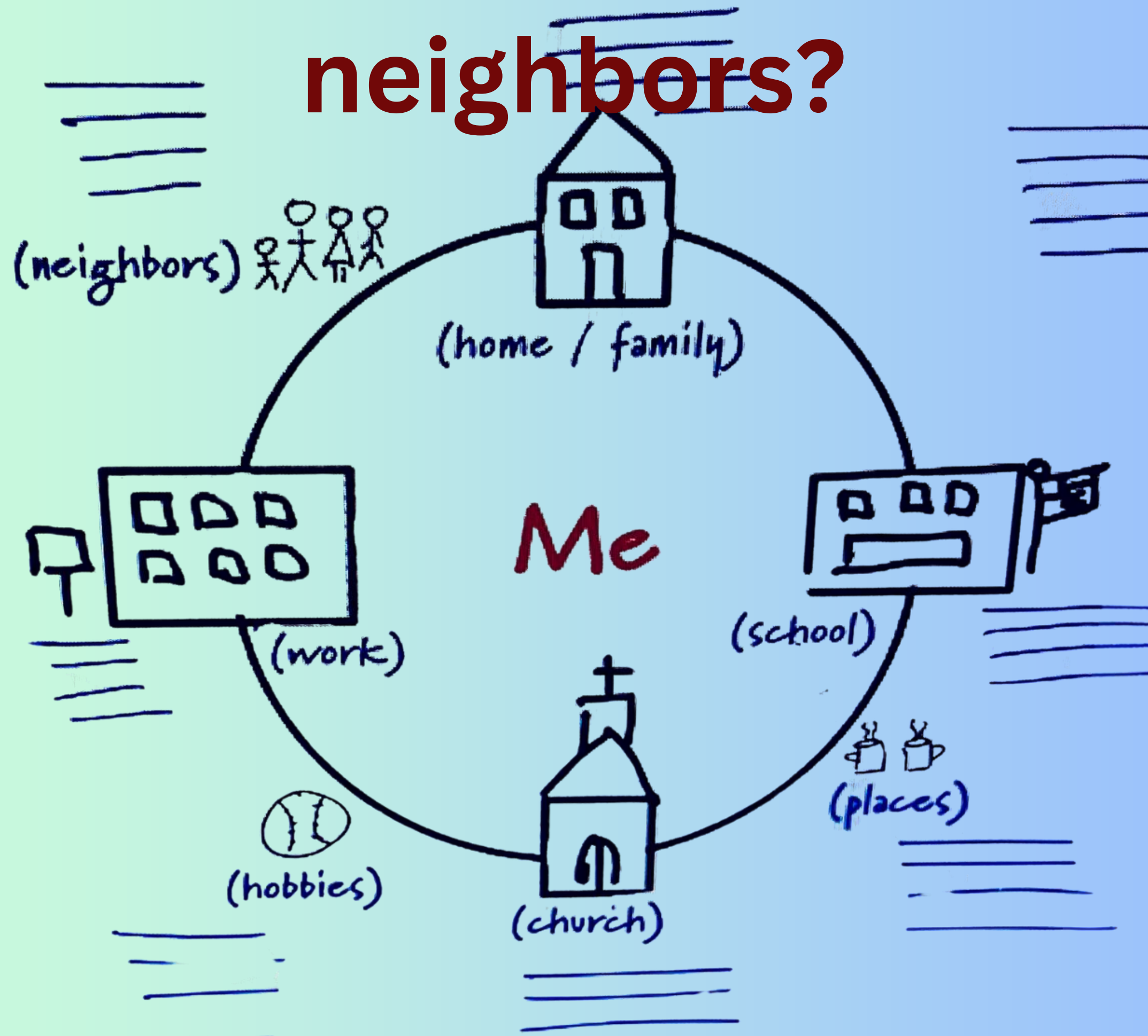
- May require you to slow down
- May require you to get involved
- May require being inconvenienced

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Who are my neighbors?



Take a minute

- Write down names of people God has placed in your life
- Look for ways to show God's love to them