



This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

Weekly Questions:

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
- How are you living up with God?
- How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
- How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

Devalued: Unneighborly

Read Acts 7:17-36

Pastor Josh introduced three "buckets" for organizing our thoughts on life and relationships:

- **Bucket 1: How do we live together?** (Intentionally in relationship, seeking good for each other, sharing common ground, living with joy, purpose, kindness.)
- **Bucket 2: How do we live interdependently?** (Doing things good for ourselves that don't cost others, not truly alone but not a burden to partners.)
- **Bucket 3: How do we live sacrificially?** (Doing things good for others, even if it costs us, out of love.)
- Reflect on these three buckets. Which bucket do you find yourself focusing on most in your current relationships (family, friends, church, neighbors)?
- What happens when we devalue people, especially our neighbors, by judging them based on external factors (where they live, who they vote for, etc.)?
- What does it mean for you personally that "Every person is made in God's image"? How does this truth challenge your preconceived notions about others?
- Moses' attempt to rescue his people through violence led to mistrust. How can our methods of trying to "do good" sometimes undermine the very relationships we are trying to build?
- How does understanding God's persistent love for us, despite our unfaithfulness, impact our ability to love our own neighbors?
- "Good neighbors learn to admit mistakes." Why is humility and the willingness to say "I'm sorry" so crucial for building and maintaining healthy relationships, especially with our neighbors?

"Neighboring is love in public that helps people to see Jesus." How can your actions this week, in your everyday interactions, demonstrate Jesus' love publicly to your neighbors? Reflect on a recent interaction where you might have devalued someone and consider how you can make amends or approach similar situations differently in the future.