

Video 9: “A Mission Trip to Our Own Neighborhood” Matthew 9:9-13 | Book 1 chapter(s) 17-18

Before the Video:

Discuss: How did you see God at work this past week? What kind of conversations are you having? Who are you praying for from your Neighborhood Prayer Map?

Processing Our Insights:

Being a *Neighborhood Missionary* begins with getting to know our neighbors and starting to enjoy them. There are 3 simple missionary questions we can begin to answer:

1. Who are these people?
2. What is Jesus already up to in their lives?
3. How can I join Him?

Neighboring by hanging out and having fun creates the time and space for conversations to begin and, when it is Jesus' timing, to go deeper. The Finke's gave a simple formula to describe how neighboring works best. See if your group can fill in the formula together:

$$\begin{aligned} U \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{Time} + P \underline{\hspace{2cm}} + A \underline{\hspace{2cm}} & \text{ (usually involving food/drink)} \\ = C \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \times O \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ time} & = \text{FRIENDSHIP} \end{aligned}$$

The Finke's shared their story of starting to get to know the neighbors God had placed around them in their neighborhood. They noted how a simple neighborhood gathering began to catalyze a powerful shift in their neighborhood – from ignoring neighbors to enjoying neighbors.

- What new insights came to you during their story or how were you affirmed?
- What is one “intentional” & one “spontaneous” thing you will do within the next few weeks (see pages 149-151 in the book)?
- If you are struggling to make progress or just get started, what’s been in the way? What do you think is the resistance? (Take time right now to stop and pray about this resistance. *Prayer is not a last resort but a first response.*)

Is “neighboring” all we have to do to join Jesus on His mission in our neighborhoods? No. But it is how we start. So, *what’s your plan for starting?* Or if you have started, *what’s your plan for next steps?*

Before We Go:

What was the most significant insight you had as a result of today’s video & discussion? Take **3 minutes** to write down your insight and what you think Jesus might be giving you to believe and/or do as a result. This is your self-identified assignment for joining Jesus in the coming days.