

**Bringing truth to LIFE-**

**Wisdom for your life this week.**

Through Jesus’ story about an extraordinary neighbor, we discover the one irreducible habit of extraordinary neighboring – the habit of learning to see people as God sees them!

Do this activity again this week with a new twist. Take a brief moment to list the names of the neighbors that you know in the six or eight houses around you.

What do you see in each of your neighbors? Which one most needs you to show them mercy?

- a. Do you need corrective lenses? What past experiences hinders your ability to see others as God sees them?

How does your group help you improve your vision?

- b. Matthew records Jesus announcement that you are like “salt” in your world. If salt is a description of how well you show mercy to your neighbors, do an honest review of your saltiness? How can you increase your flavor this week?

	Low Flavor			Average Flavor			Highly Flavor-full			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

**Pray for Each Other** “Lord, clear away the filters and blind-spots in my ability to see the needs of others around me. I want to see people the way You see them, so I can show them Your mercy.”



Life Group Sermon Study  
Week of 10/14/18



**Big Idea:** There was a time when we knew the names of those who lived around us, but no longer are our neighborhoods our closest communities. Instead, they have become places where nobody knows your name. In this series, we will discover what can happen when every follower of Jesus takes seriously His call to be great neighbors by building relationships and extending compassion and care to bring our neighborhoods together. It is in those ordinary moments that extraordinary things can happen.

**Ordinary People-Extraordinary Neighbors, Week #2**  
**Where Neighboring Begins!** Luke 10:30-37 and Matthew 5:13

**Luke 10:30-37** <sup>30</sup>“Jesus replied with a story: ‘A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. <sup>31</sup>By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. <sup>32</sup>A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. <sup>34</sup>Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ <sup>36</sup>Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?’ Jesus asked. <sup>37</sup>the man replied, ‘the one who showed him mercy.’” Then Jesus said, ‘Yes, now go and do the same.’”

**John 1:14** “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.”

**Capture our Attention-**

- a. Sometimes it seems that our eyes are playing tricks on us. Use the attached resource sheet to describe what you see in the two images. Which do you see first- old or young woman?  
The duck or the rabbit?
- b. Share your Take-A-Way from last Sunday's sermon. What insight did God use to capture your attention? How are you trying to put that insight into practice in your daily life?

**Enlighten our Mind- Study the Word of God.**

1. To place this story in the setting where Jesus told it, read Luke 10:25-29. What two questions had the man asked of Jesus?

How does the desire for eternal life and the love for our neighbor seem to be connected?

2. Each parable (story) that Jesus told during His ministry had one clear message to reveal. But each story also reveals insights about God and people. What do you learn about God in this parable?

What insights do you gain about people in this parable?

3. The unexpected hero in this story is a Samaritan (an ethnic group that were despised by Jews). In what ways did this Samaritan demonstrate kindness to this wounded Jew?

What is Jesus trying to teach you about neighboring from this story of a Samaritan helping a Jew?

4. Summarize what each of the characters in the story saw in the Jewish traveler?
  - Bandits
  - Priest
  - Temple assistant
  - Samaritan

What makes the difference that determines how you view your neighbors around you?

5. In Luke 10:36-37, Jesus seems to redirect the question from "Who is my neighbor?"... to "Who can I be a neighbor too?" From those verses (pay attention to verse 37), what is Jesus pointing us to do in our neighboring?

