

## Neighbors: Who is my Neighbor?

Luke 10.25-37

### The Big Question

*[Jesus responds to questions different ways: Questions & Stories]*

What kind of questions are you asking God?

- Lawyer- Eternal Life/ Who is my neighbor —> Trap Questions

Why are you asking the question?

- Lowest Common Denominator [Your question reveals your heart]
- “If you are seeking to do the smallest amount of work for the Kingdom, it may be a reflection of how much you really value THE KING”

*[Good Samaritan: Priest. Levite. Samaritan] “Go and Do”*

### Reshape Your Thinking

He>Me

- “we are his workmanship” (poema) [Ephesians 2.10]

Life with a Kingdom Mindset

- Kingdom people have a love of God & People that results in a pursuit of those in the darkness [Matt 9.36- sheep w/out a shepherd]

*[Neighbors is no longer a Person... it is an ACTION]*

### How to Neighbor

From Noun to Verb

- Verbs are action words... are you actively seeking to show love to those around you?

It's Simple

- Love God —> w/ your whole self
- Love People —> as yourself

### Response:

1. Examine your relationship with God:
  1. where are you not good w/ Him?
  2. What are you missing?
  3. How much do you communicate with Him?
2. How do you Neighbor?
  1. Are you a “me 1st” person?
  2. Do you value other?
  3. Are you living w/ a Kingdom mindset?

## Discussion Questions:

How well would you say that you know your neighbors?

- What have been some things that you have done to get to know the people that are living around you?

Our questions often reveal our heart. What are some things people often ask that are LCD (lowest common denominator) questions?

- How can you begin to ask the question, "What *else* can I do for the Kingdom?"

What is your biggest struggle with treating those around you with love? (moving from Me to He)

- What would it look like for you to look at people as the *poema* of God?

The real question was not who is my neighbor, but how do you neighbor? So, how are you being a neighbor to your neighbors?

- What *else* can you be doing to be a neighbor to them?
- How can you show the Love of Jesus to them, but also share His love with them?

(if you have more time)

Go through the Response questions and discuss them with your group.