



HOW TO NEIGHBOR

Small Group Questions

Taking the Great Commandment Literally

Going Deeper: Use the following questions for personal reflection and/or to discuss with family, friends and small group.

1. Share about your neighborhood and the types of relationships that you have with the people who live on your street or in your building. On a scale of 1 to 10, how “connected” is your current neighborhood?

Start with a 5 min video: <https://vimeo.com/117428367>

If you play the video, What was your big take away from the video? What stuck out to you? What did you like? What was difficult or confusing?

2. Read Acts 17:26-27.
 - A. What jumps out at you from this passage? How does it fit the context of the rest of his sermon in Acts 17?
 - B. Do you have any “invisible” neighbors? Do you think you are invisible to them as well? How does it end up like this?
 - C. According to Acts 17 that we just read, why do we live where we live? Why has God placed us in our neighborhoods? What about those that surround us? Why are they there?
3. The mayor of Arvada, Colorado states, “The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of great neighbors.” To what extent do you think this is true? Why don’t government programs alone solve the problems of society?
4. Luke 10:29 says this about the teacher of the law: “But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves in order to avoid taking the Great Commandment literally? In what ways are you tempted to make a “neighbor” into a metaphor?
5. What would happen if everyone made it a point to know and befriend their literal neighbors?

Week 1	January 20
Week 2	January 27
Week 3	February 3
Week 4	February 10
Week 5	February 17
Week 6	February 24

Action Plan—

At the conclusion of each gathering we will do 3 things. Often groups lose track of time and end up rushing through the second half of the content. We strongly believe that these 3 exercises are the most important part of this study. If you only have time to complete one section each week...do this one!

1. Do the Block Map - Take out the block map and fill it in right now... just start with the names of your neighbors... Go around the room and share how many of the names you knew? Did

you have any epiphanies as you did this exercise? What did you learn or feel as a result of doing this exercise?

Write the names of your neighbors by listing out the names of the adults and children of the 8 closest houses or apartment units next to you. Pay attention to the blank spaces (YOU SHOULD HAVE already done this earlier in worship). Every other week you will go around and share how many neighbors you know by name and if you have made any progress since the last meetings. Take a second and identify each of the neighbors and decide if they are a stranger, acquaintance, or relationship.

2. Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week.
3. Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days.