

SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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GETTING STARTED

- 1) What are some meaningful ways that your neighbors have loved you?
- 2) Given the state of our culture, how do you think a random person on the street would describe Christianity?

TODAYS SCRIPTURE Genesis 1, John 1:14, I Corinthians 3:16, Luke 10:28

DISCUSSION

- 1) Are we to love our believing neighbors and un-believing neighbors in the same manner? If so, explain.
- 2) Why do you think that fewer and fewer people in our culture have experience with churches and Christianity?
- 3) Does loving your neighbor require physical actions or can it be shown in forgiveness, acceptance, empathy, encouragement etc.? Explain.
- 4) Who are some of the neighbors, foreigners or enemies that some Christians find difficult to love? Why do you think this is so?

DIG DEEPER (Other Scriptures?)

- 1) Read Matthew 25:31-40. What are the implications in our daily lives to live this out? When caring for others, does it matter if our acts are simple or complex?
- 2) Read John 13:34, 35. What can you do with/for your neighbors to exemplify this?
- 3) John 1:14 in *The Message* says, "The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood." What neighborhoods have Christians not successfully 'moved into' yet?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- 1) How can you draw near to others this week? How can you engage those around you?
- 2) Brian challenged each of us to consider who "our one" is that we need to lead into a deep relationship with Christ. Do you have "your one" in mind yet?