

#### Welcome to







# Art of Neighboring

#### Questions

If "modern conveniences" like microwaves and smart-phones and apps are supposed to save us time, how come we still don't have enough time?!







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30 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.

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<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.





33 "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them.

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Then he put the man on his own donkey and ... took care of him. 36 "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked.





The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same."







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34 ... Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day ...





"... 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.





## The 2 Biggest Obstacles To Getting Involved:

#### Time and Fear

- Not enough time;
- Too much risk



# Art of Neighboring Father God, increase my love for you,

build my love for my literal neighbors,

and inspire me
to be the "Good God!"
neighbor,

for Jesus' sake, amen.

#### The Time Barrier

## "I just don't have the time!"

#### "Spending" time

"Paying" attention

#### Time spent is a matter of:

Choice
Priorities
Budgeting

#### Spend your time wisely!

You may be able to make more money;

but you most assuredly cannot make more time.

## The 2 Biggest Obstacles To Getting Involved:

The Time Barrier

The Fear Factor

#### The Fear Factor

"There are just too many crazies out there!"

#### At minimum, the art of neighboring has a "Neighborhood Watch" aspect to it.

# see something say something

# Life at its best is lived in "The Way" of Jesus

Jesus

The Tangible Kingdom, Hugh Halter & Matt Smay

left,

lived among,

listened,

loved

#### Jesus

- Left heaven
- Lived among specific people in a specific place
- Listened well in conversations
- Loved appropriately in response

# As people who follow Jesus; who love God and love our neighbor, we:

- Leave our house
- Live life among our literal neighbors
- Listen well in conversations
- Love appropriately in response

### A way to put this all together:



Throw a block party!

#### www.artofneighboring.com/resources

"Neighborhood Block Party Kit"





#### A way to put this all together: Throw a block party!

- a BBQ
- a "Neighborhood Watch" party
- Christmas Party
- a New Year's Day Party
- a neighborhood garage sale



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