Ice Breaker Question:
Did you walk your neighborhood and pray for your neighbors this week? If yes, how did it go? If not, what held you back?

Read this week’s scripture: Mark 12:28-31, 1 Peter 3:13-16

Discuss:
1. When have you done something where joy or excitement overrode your fear to allow you to try something new?
2. 1 Peter 3:13 talks about being “eager to do good.” Are you active or passive in doing good?
3. What do you think are the main reasons people are afraid of their neighbors? Do you have any fears or concern about your neighbors? How can we as a home group help overcome those fears?
4. Of the following excuses for not reaching out to our neighbors, which one resonates with you and why?
   - I’m an introvert.
   - I’m not good at reaching out.
   - I won’t have something to say or offer.
   - I’m so busy, I’m afraid of adding something to my plate.
   - It’s too big of a commitment to build a relationship with my neighbors.
   - I am particular about who I spend my time with and I don’t want to spend time with my neighbors.
5. Do you think there is someone in your neighborhood who is scared of you? Why or why not? How can you help your neighbor’s fears?
6. Peter says, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15). What do you think that means? Have you ever had someone ask you the reason for the hope that you have?

Prayer:
Keep the following prayer requests from our church family in mind as you close:
> Prayers of healing for John Lindenschmidt, Greg West, Talbott Sumners, and Hadley Lehr.
> Prayers of comfort for Tony and Terry Smith in the death of Tony’s father.