



Week 1 | The Neighboring Church | January 29

Key Focus: What if loving your neighbor meant, loving your neighbor?

Opening Up:

- What was your neighborhood like when you were a kid?
- How is that different from the neighborhood you now live in?
- What does your dream neighborhood look like?
- Do you have any stories about a really good neighbor?

Reference: Matthew 22:34-40

Discuss:

1. What is difficult about loving your neighbors?
2. Think about this statement. "Any Christian ethic that does not produce loving relationships has failed." Why is loving our neighbor a necessary outcome of Christian ethics?
3. If you were to describe what God's love looks like to a friend, what would you say?
4. If you were love your neighbor like God has loved you, what would you be doing? (1 John 4:9)
5. Have we taught our church to serve the community, but failed to disciple them to love their neighbors? (Neighboring Church)
6. Have you ever had a Christ-like mentor of neighborly love?
7. If you were developing a course on neighboring, what would you want your students to learn?
8. Do you see your home more as a place to escape the world, or a place to engage the world?
9. What would be different about the world if Christians saw their homes not as a place of refuge from the world, but as places of refuge for the world?
10. Should there be a difference between how Christians and non-Christians neighbor?
 1. Do you know your neighbors' names? (Reference your neighborhood maps.)
 2. Do you know their stories?
 3. Do they know that you love them?
11. Pray.