



Simplify Part 3 - Love Your Neighbor

BREAKING THE ICE:

When you hear the word neighbor what do you think of?

How well do you know your neighbors where you actually live?

GO TO THE SOURCE : Matt 22:39, Luke 10:25-37

DIG A LITTLE DEEPER:

- 1. Jesus says the second greatest commandment is to Love your neighbor as yourself.**
 - a. What does loving a “neighbor” as yourself look like?
 - b. How well do you feel you live out this commandment? Explain.

2. In Luke 10 a Jewish man was assaulted and left for dead.

- a. Who walked past him?
- b. What did priests and Levites each do?
 - i. **LEADERS NOTE:** Priests interceded between the people and God in the temple. Levites were kind of like assistants to the priests.

3. A Samaritan (a person hated by the Jews) stopped to help the Jewish man.

- a. Would you be willing to help someone who you knew despised you?
- b. Do you allow your plans to be interrupted by divine appointments? Explain

4. The expert in the Law does not even seem like he is willing to utter the word Samaritan (v37)

- a. Who in your life would you find it hard to help?
- b. What does Jesus tell the expert in the law and us in verse 37?

5. In Luke 10 Jesus defines what it means to be a neighbor.

- a. How does Jesus define neighbor?
- b. How can we show mercy to people we walk past every day?

MAKE IT COUNT:

Jesus clarified what it means to love your neighbor in our passages today. Often we apply this to helping those less fortunate because the Jewish man in the story fell into the hands of robbers but that misses the broad scope of the story. Jesus intends us to show mercy to those we come across no matter if they are poor or rich.

What will you do for this week to practice the art of neighboring?

Below are a few challenges to help us get started right where we live.

1. Have you ever met your neighbors? If not try and meet them this week, you could walk over and say hello if you see them outside, or maybe chat with them by going for a walk around the neighborhood.
2. Do a random act of kindness for a neighbor this week.
3. If you already know your neighbors have you ever had them over for dinner?

Share what you are going to do this week with your group to be neighborly.