



Notes

The Art of Neighboring
Seriously, Love Your Neighbor

Group Discussion Questions

Who do you think of when you hear the word “neighbor?” Share about one of your best childhood neighbors.

In response to the question, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

What does it mean to love someone? How is love different from desire?

The word neighbor means someone who dwells close. Why is it often hard to love people who are closer in proximity to you? Share about someone difficult for you to love.

Gospel living is not just about trying hard to be someone or do something God wants. Gospel living is getting filled with the love, grace, and truth of God so that it changes you. Love for neighbors flows out of our love of God and His work in our lives. How could starting with God’s love for you change your approach to difficult “neighbors?”

How do you respond to the idea that Christians are often not seen to be any better at neighboring than non-Christians? What has been your experience in regard to this?

If neighboring starts with knowing and knowing starts with names, how are you doing at neighboring these days? Talk about the relationships you have with your current neighbors?

Commit to learning the names of all of your neighbors and praying for them throughout this series. Pray for your neighbors as a group.