

Sermon Discussion Guide
Love Your Neighbor
Taking the Greatest Commandment Literally & Seriously
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 **Big Idea**

The best way we can impact WNY for God's Kingdom is to actually live out Jesus' command to love our literal neighbors.

 **Icebreaker**

What is the greatest act of kindness (love) you have received from a physical neighbor?

 **Discussion Questions**

1. Read **Luke 10:25-37**. Describe the progression of the three who came across this desperate man. What do you think motivated each of them to respond the way in which they did to the situation? Describe a situation in your mind where you responded in one of these three ways (the good, bad, and ugly).
2. Review **Luke 10:36-37**. In the story, what did the one who was a neighbor to the desperate man extend? What is mercy? What are examples of situations where you have opportunity to extend mercy to your literal neighbors? Do you have an example to share where you did this? How did it go?
3. Describe what you know about Jewish peoples view and treatment of Samaritans in the time Jesus spoke this parable. Based on that, what would their reaction have been to Jesus casting the Samaritan as the hero in the story? What can we personally learn and apply from this challenge of Jesus today? Do you have any personal barriers or judgments against some physical neighbors that you need to pray about and process more after this sermon?
4. Read **Acts 17:26-27**. This verse conveys that the neighborhood in which you live at this specific time provides immense opportunity for you to live out God's purposes. How often do you consider and intentionally, or actively, live this out? What is one way you could start doing so more regularly now?
5. How well do you know your physical neighbors? Do you know all their names, or are you merely aware of each other in passing? Are there any that you need to get to know more? How could you get to know them all at a deeper level and show more love to them (get creative)?

 **Concluding Question**

As this series continues, we will keep referring to the **BLESS Strategy**. This past week we talked about the **B: Begin** with prayer and the **L: Listen**. Is there one of these that you need to be more intentional about this week? What is your plan to ensure that you do so? What are some obstacles to accomplishing that which you may need to conquer this week?

 **Application**

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 **Prayer**

- Using your neighboring magnet (provided by the church) pray specifically for each neighbor