



Who's My Neighbor?
Luke 10:38 - 42

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1. JESUS SHOWED US A WAY TO BE WITH PEOPLE THAT IS BOTH _____ and _____.

Jesus continued from there toward Jerusalem and came to another village. Martha, a resident of that village, welcomed Jesus into her home. (v. 38, Voice)

Other Examples:

- Parable of the Good Samaritan
- Healing of the blind man
- Welcoming the little children
- Healing of Jairus' daughter
- Countless other examples of Jesus going to where people are.

Consider: What happens when we don't love those who are our neighbors?

2. NEIGHBORING STARTS IN OUR _____ WHEN WE DEVELOP FLEXIBILITY AND COMPASSION.

She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" (v. 39 – 40, NIV)

3. OUR # 1 OBSTACLE TO NEIGHBORING WELL IS _____.

Oh Martha, Martha, you are so anxious and concerned about a million details, but really, only one thing matters. Mary has chosen that one thing, and I won't take it away from her. (v. 41-42, Voice)

ASK YOURSELF: Do you currently live at a pace that allows you to be present in your neighborhood?

WHICH OF THESE MYTHS DO YOU TELL YOURSELF TO GET THROUGH YOUR DAY?

- a. Things will settle down someday.
- b. More will be enough.
- c. Everybody lives like this.

What practical steps can you take in order to break the habit of thinking like this?

THE MAIN POINT:

GOD MAY BE ASKING YOU TO SAY NO TO SOME GOOD THINGS SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER.



Doggy Bag: *Something to Chew On and Ponder Throughout the Week*

1. How much of your block map were you able to fill in? Did you have any epiphanies as you did this exercise from last week?
2. Describe your neighborhood and the relationships that you currently have with your immediate neighbors. Do you have any invisible neighbors?
3. Luke 10:29 says this about the teacher of the law: "But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'" In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves in order to avoid taking the Great Commandment seriously?
4. What would happen if every Christ-follower made it a point to know and befriend their literal neighbors?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how hectic is your life right now?
6. Are there some things in your life that are keeping you from the "main thing"?
7. How could you use your home to do God's work?
8. How could being a good neighbor help you to put God's love into action this week?