

Who are the People in Your Neighborhood?



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Learning to Love the People
that God so Loved



**Learning to Love
the People that
are not Valuable
Enough to Love**



Who are These People?

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Matthew 25:37-39



Who are These People?

The Poor

The Downtrodden

The Sick

The Criminal



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People were bringing little **children** to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little **children** come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:13-14



Who are These People?

**Any individual that it will take
more time, energy and resources
to reach than they will ever
be able to give back**



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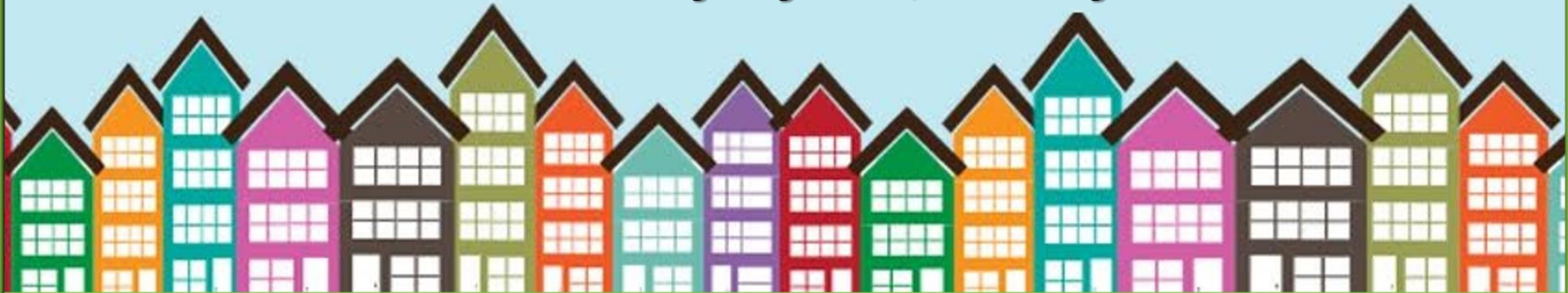


How do You Love Them?



Change Your Value System

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not



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discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

James 2:1-5



Change Your Value System



Favoritism



God Values Everybody Equally

Leviticus 19:33-34

Proverbs 22:2

Galatians 3:28

Acts 10:34

Jesus died for all: 1 John 2:2



Get Physical: Meet Their Need

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Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:15-17



Remove the Barriers

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**The People that You
Meet Each Day**



He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

Luke 10:34-36



The Jesus Application

Changed Value System: He saw a person not a problem

**He Got Physical: Bandaged, Poured, Placed on the donkey
Cared for him**

Removed the Barriers: He provided ongoing resources



**These are the People
in our “Neighborhood”**

God Said Love Them!

