

Who are the People in Your Neighborhood?



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Learning to Love the People
that God so Loved

Which is it?

- a. A place or region near
- b. The people living near one another
- c. A section lived in by neighbors and usually having distinguishing characteristics

"d" All of the Above



My Neighborhood

If the neighborhood is just a “place” then it becomes defined by boundaries and borders

If the neighborhood is defined by distinguishing characteristics then I define my neighborhood based off what I want it to be

if I define the neighborhood by people everything changes



My Neighbors

Are people that have real problems

Are people that have real sin

Are people with a real broken past

Are people that have a real need to have a relationship with Jesus



Lost Lessons of Love



Lesson #1

John 13:31-38



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“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35



Lesson #1 By **THIS** everyone will know
that you are my disciples

Not by our music style Not by the name on the sign

Not by some set of beliefs we cobbled together to
show we get it

Not by the building or the furniture



Peter Missed the Lesson!



We Missed the Lesson!

We want to learn more facts and figures about Jesus so we can follow him better

We miss that we follow him best when we are sharing him with the neighborhood



Lesson #2 Jesus defined the neighborhood

“Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.”

“Sir,” the servant said, “what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.” Then the master told his servant,

“Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.”

Luke 14:21-23



Go Quickly!



GO!

Find Me Some People



Defining the Neighborhood

Streets, Alleys, Roads, Country Lane



Defining My Neighbor

Poor, Cripple, Blind, Lame
Anybody you see provided there is still room
for them to come



Compel

To drive or urge forcefully or irresistibly
To cause to do or occur by overwhelming pressure





Compe!





Compe!



Irresistible

1. In a way that is too attractive and tempting to be resisted.
2. In a way that is too powerful or convincing to be resisted.



The Answer

Our Purpose is to give glory to God by meeting people (**neighbors**) where they are, sharing Jesus with them (**neighbors**) in a meaningful way, and encouraging them (**neighbors**) to live in a growing relationship with Him (**Jesus**).



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

God Said Love Them!

