

SERMON BASED STUDY

The Art of Neighboring Week 1
Weekend of October 5/6, 2019

INTRODUCTION

- How long have you lived in your current neighborhood?
- Do you feel that you've done a good job of getting to know your neighbors? What has helped with this the most?
- For further study, please follow the Art of Neighboring Scripture reading plan found [here](#).

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Leviticus 19:16-18.

- Who is our neighbor?
- How does Jesus redefine or expand the definition of neighbor?

Read Luke 10:25-37.

- Who are the "Samaritans" in our current cultural context? In our neighborhood, city or nation?
- Who makes this people group and "excluded other"?

Read Matthew 22:35-40.

- How is good neighboring (loving others) connected to our love of God?
- In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves in order to avoid taking the Great Commandment seriously? In what ways are we tempted to change the definition of "neighbor" so that it fits easily into our lives?

APPLICATION

- What would happen if everyone made it a point to know and befriend the people who live on their block or in their neighborhood?
- Fill out the block map, starting with the names of your neighbors. Using the block map, take a minute to think about each of your eight closest neighbors and categorize each neighbor as stranger, acquaintance, or relationship. Keep this block map from Week 1 so that you can see your progress in building relationships as you move through the study.



- How many names did you know? Did you have any insights as you did this exercise? What did you learn or feel as a result of doing this exercise?