

Neighbor[ing]

Love where you live.

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Luke 10:25–28 (NIV)

Sermon in a Sentence: Our love for God is revealed in how we love our neighbors.

John 13:34–35 (NIV)

Neighboring Refreshers in loving where you live:

⇒ God has placed you right where you are for divine _____.

Acts 17:24–26 (NCV)

Acts 17:27 (NCV)

Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. It's God's gift from start to finish! Ephesians 2:8
(The Message)

⇒ Real love looks for a way _____ not a way out.

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29 (NIV)

Q—What ways are you trying worm your way out of loving?

⇒ Develop the art of _____.

⇒ Be the _____ "you" you can be.

Q—Is my love for God truly revealed in how I love my neighbor?

Doing Life Together Discussion

- A Launching Point for Your Small Group -

Leader Prep: Have available or ask your members to bring their Neighborhood block map to group, as it will be used as part of the discussion.

Theme: *Live & Love Right Where You Are*

Sermon Response: Last week's message was a spring refresher on the emphasis of neighborly. What was your big take-away? What stuck out to you? What did you like? What was a challenge again, about how to live it out?

Discuss:

- Read Acts 17:26-27. How does this speak to you in the context of neighborly? Why do we live where we live? Why has God placed us in our neighborhoods? Why are our neighbors there?
- Read Luke 10:25-28. Based on these verses, how is our love for God revealed in loving our neighbors as ourselves? Can you truly love God and not love others? How is this a challenge?
- How is truly loving our neighbors not just about converting them to Christianity? Why is it important for our neighbors to feel we don't have an agenda for them?
- 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 literally?
- In what ways are you tempted to think of "love your neighbor as yourself" as a nice metaphor or just a good idea, rather than commandment requiring action?
- Dan introduced the "art of receiving" last Sunday, in which we allow our neighbors to help us. When has this happened for you and what were the results? How does this build a bond with our neighbors?
- Revisit the Neighborhood Block Map that was given out, identifying the neighbors who live around you. Go around the room and share how many of the names you know. Did you have any epiphanies as you did this exercise? What did you learn or feel as a result of doing this exercise?
- What would be one action step you see yourself taking as an individual/family in reaching out to your neighbors this spring/summer season? How could we do this as a small group together in our community, in general?

Prayer: Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for over the next week. Pray not only for them but for ourselves in how we can be better neighbors. Also, pray together for needs but also share neighborly updates on what God has been doing.