

# Neighbor[ing]

Love where you live.

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## Notes:

### Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 61:1
- Luke 19:10
- Luke 10:25-37
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3,7-8
- Matthew 5:28
- Acts 13:38-39a

### Recovery Resources:

- ✓ Celebrate Recovery- Wednesday Nights, 6:30pm @ CTK North Bay; [celebraterecovery.com](http://celebraterecovery.com)
- ✓ [fightthenewdrug.org](http://fightthenewdrug.org)
- ✓ [xxxchurch.com](http://xxxchurch.com)
- ✓ [covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com)
- ✓ Bruce and Janet Wheeler - [lifemoreabundant.net](http://lifemoreabundant.net)

## Doing Life Together Discussion

- A Launching Point for Your Small Group -

Theme: *Captive Audience*

Warm Up: When was there a moment you were so caught up in your experience that time just flew by, such as a movie, performance or another form of entertainment? What was it about the experience that held you captive at such a level and why?

Sermon Response: Last Sunday's message was a highly serious and sensitive topic around the issue of sex trafficking and the root issue of pornography. What was something new you learned or felt from hearing what was shared? What was your take-away, in terms of how we as Christ followers can help in the cause to rescue those who are held captive?

Bible Text: Isaiah 61:1-3 (based on NIV)

Discuss:

- How do these verses prophetically speak of Jesus' work when he was on earth?
- How is this the same work we are called to do now as His followers? Answer this question by discussing what you think each part means and how each part shows ways to love our neighbors, locally and globally:  
To...
  - *proclaim good news to the poor.* (Good news is Jesus' work of salvation.)
  - *bind up the brokenhearted,*
  - *proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,*
  - *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor* ("The year" refers to the 50<sup>th</sup> year of jubilee when slaves were freed and land was returned to its original owners.)
  - *Proclaim the day of vengeance of our God,* ("Day of Vengeance" refers to the day when God will bring justice through judgment on the earth, not our own vengeance on evil.)
  - *to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.* ("Ashes"-symbol of mourning & humiliation; "oil"- symbol of blessing & abundance; "garment of praise"- priest wore as a symbol of celebration.)
- What does Isaiah say are the results of this anointed work in verse 3, and what does it mean that those we reach out to will be called "*oaks of righteousness*"? Why an "oak"?
- How will they be a display of the Lord's splendor, not ours?
- When did someone reach out to you when you were poor, broken hearted, captive and mourning? How could you do the same for someone you know, and how can we pray for them as a group?

Prayer: Pray for those in need and also share updates on what God has been doing in your lives, or the lives of others you know.

Discuss: What spring or summer "Neighboring" project can we do as group? What steps can we take to see this become a reality?