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Art of Neighboring: Part 1



The command to love our neighbors lies at the _____ of God's plan for our lives.

"The majority of the issues that our community is facing would be eliminated or drastically reduced if we could just figure out a way to become a community of good neighbors."

—Bob Frie, Mayor of Arvada, CO

We often reach out to help a neighborhood in crisis across town, or to people in need in other nations, but neglect our own neighbors next door.

Luke 10:25–37

Jesus summarized the whole Law with two commands: Love God with your whole being and love your neighbor.

Characteristics of a Good Neighbor

1. Aware of _____ to serve and help. (Verse 33)
2. Motivated by _____. (Verse 33)

3. Takes _____ to engage in conversation and service. (Verse 34)
4. Willing to be _____ to help others. (Verse 34)
5. Willing to go above and beyond to bring _____. (Verse 35)

"From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; **and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.** God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us."

—Acts 17:26–27

God has placed us in our specific neighborhoods for a reason. It is within our power to become good neighbors, to care for people around us, and be cared for by people around us.

Action Steps for this Week

- Introduce yourself to one new neighbor you don't know.
- Fill out the block map
- Look for one opportunity to _____ a neighbor.

Answers: core; opportunities; compassion; initiative; inconvenienced; help; serve



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