

Won't you be my Neighbor?



MAY 23-A NEIGHBORING CHURCH

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP TALKING.

- What do you remember about Memorial Day weekend? Celebrating the end of school? Beginning of summer? Remembering veterans?
- Do you have any summer goals or projects you want to tackle?

START THINKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- A neighboring church takes Jesus' call seriously to love God fully and love our neighbor as ourselves.
- Read Jesus' reply to the expert in the religious law who wanted to know who his neighbor really was in Luke 10:30-37.
- How does the priest react to the man? The temple assistant? The Samaritan?
- Have you ever interrupted your day to help someone in need? How did it go?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- We're supposed to be as merciful as the Samaritan. In Jesus' day, Samaritans were religious and racial outcasts. But those who follow Jesus love all whom they encounter.
- The Samaritan provides immediate aid to the man. How do we provide immediate aid as a church?
- The Samaritan also provides long-term support. How do we provide long-term support as a church?
- How can you take steps this week to pray for your neighborhood and show mercy to those around you?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- *Pray openly and honestly: Holy Spirit, I confess there are people and groups whom I do not believe are my neighbors. But you tell me they are and I must grow to love all people because that's what you call me to do. Open my eyes and help me to show mercy this week. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

Check out this 7-day plan written by high schoolers to be neighborly in our current culture:
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/20190-will-you-be-my-neighbor>