



## Come and See: Part Two: The Art of Neighboring

We all like to come home, close the door, put our feet up and spend time catching up with our favorite TV shows after a long day at work. Too often, years go by and we never actually are neighbors to our neighbors. On Sunday, Dave Runyon shared what the art of neighboring looks like and how we can be the neighbor Jesus talked about when he said “love your neighbor as yourself.”

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday’s message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

*“God has placed us in our specific neighborhoods for a reason.”*

To begin your time of discussion, share a funny experience that you’ve had with a neighbor.

### Read: Luke 10:25-29; Acts 17:26-27

**Context:** *The “experts” in the Jewish law were trying to trip up Jesus. The religious leaders of that day did not like what Jesus taught and did because they were losing control of the people. They tried to trap Him with a question in regards to the law. Jesus’ answer is brilliant. He makes a statement regarding loving God and loving one’s neighbor that sums up the law’s intention and purpose.*

- What are the three parts of our being that we love God with? Why is this important? (Luke 10:27)
- How are we to love our neighbor? If we are to love our neighbor as ourselves, how good are you at loving yourself? How does that translate over to your neighbor?
- In Acts, what do we know about the place we currently live? Why do you believe God has placed you where you are?
- Ultimately, God has designed us and created us for our specific neighborhoods in this season. He’s placed us here for a reason, even if it’s only for a period of time. How does that change how we live and what we do?
- On Sunday, Dave Runyon share a quote from Colorado Springs Assistant City Manager Vicky Reis. Reis said, **“From the city’s perspective, there isn’t a noticeable difference in how Christians and non Christians neighbor in our community.”** How can what we read in the verses above make a difference for our city? What does that require of you?
- Dave said, **“When we try to love everyone...we often end up loving no one.”** Who has God placed around you in your neighborhood, or in your city, to love? What does loving them look like for you?
- How are you going to be a neighbor FOR your neighbors? How can this group support you?

### MOVING FORWARD

Loving our neighbors is not normal in our society. So many of us live in the virtual neighborhood of social media. What a difference it would make if we took the time to walk next door, or across the street, to love our neighbors. We have this amazing opportunity in front of us because almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus “crossed the street” from eternity to earth and demonstrated the greatest act of love for you, and for me, that changed our lives forever. Imagine what could happen if we loved our neighbors by meeting their needs. One small action can change eternity.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

**Memorize:** Acts 17:26

**Journaling:** Write how you would want to be treated as a neighbor and how God has treated you. Then, take some time to write about how you can take how you would want to be treated, and how God has treated you, and translate that to what it would look like in the context of your relationship with a neighbor.

**Prayer:** Ask God to give you opportunities to love your neighbors and ask him to give you the boldness to take those opportunities.

**Accountability:** Ask a friend to help keep you accountable to reach out to you neighbors.