



WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

What is your best crazy neighbor story?

Read 1 John 4:19-21. What stands out to you about this passage?

Loving others comes from being loved by God. This is something that Jesus commands us to do AND equips us to do.

How is your love for your neighbors connected to your love for God?

We cannot fully love God unless we love the real, flesh and blood people that he puts in our path. It is easy to say we love God, but the way that we interact with the people in our lives is a more accurate indicator than our words.

Read 1 John 3:18. Do you really “love” your neighbors based on this verse? Support your answer.

Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking we “love” people because we are not mean to them, or we don’t dislike them. John challenges us to rethink this paradigm. Jesus-followers love people with action.

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Read Luke 5:27-32. Are you uncomfortable about spending time with anyone in your neighborhood? Is there anyone you would feel strange being seen with? Why?

Are you willing to endure discomfort in order to love your neighbors well?

Have concerns about your reputation ever kept you from reaching out to a neighbor? What happened? What did you learn?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Take a moment to fill out the Block Map.

Directions: Write the names of your neighbors by listing out the names of the adults and children of the 8 closest houses or apartment units next to you and pay attention to the blank spaces. Take a second and identify each of the neighbors and decide if they are a stranger, acquaintance, or relationship.

Help the group process with these follow-up questions: How many times have you done this activity? If this is your first time- how difficult was it? If you have done this more than once- have you progressed?



Imagine yourself with the time it would take to be a great neighbor. What are the things you would have to sacrifice to make that a reality?

Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days in order to love your neighbors better.

PRAYER

How can the group pray for you this week?

