

View

As you watch, pay attention to how Jay answers the following questions.

What did the mayor request of Jay and the other pastors? How did they respond? What were they convicted about? _____

What was the catalyst for Jay's desire to get to know the families in his neighborhood? _____

How did Jay describe what good neighboring looks like? What did it look like for him when he first started to take it seriously? _____

Review

After watching this session, how would you define being a good neighbor?_____

What was his reaction and why? Why were the men so convicted? _____

In what ways can our love for convenience and comfort keep us from being the type of neighbors God has called us to be? _____

What did applying this commandment look like for him? What steps did he take to ensure he took this commandment seriously? _____

In what ways can being a good neighbor require us to move out of our comfort zone? _____

After drawing the board and taking his quiz, what were your results? What are some thoughts you have, whether positive or negative, about your results? _____

After seeing your results from the quiz, what are some things you can do to improve how you engage with your neighbors? _____

Bible Exploration

Read **Luke 10:25–37** NKJV

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.' "

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

After reading this parable, how would you describe its message in your own words? What parts of the parable can you identify with the most? Which character do you relate to?

How did the priest and the Levite react to the wounded man on the road? How do you see these same attitudes displayed in our culture today?

How did the Samaritan react to the risk of taking care of the man? What did it cost him to do his good deed?

What do the Samaritan's actions show us about being a good neighbor? What could being a good neighbor involve?

What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?

How does knowing that we are to love our neighbors in the same way that we love and care for ourselves help you see the importance of serving others?

Considering the Great Commandment, how often have you loved your neighbors? How well have you loved your neighbors?

Think about the neighbors in your own neighborhood. Consider the neighbors who have displayed burdens. In what ways could you help out a neighbor who is struggling this week?

This week, how can you make yourself more available than usual to the people in your neighborhood?

Last Word

This week take some time to assess whether you know the people in your neighborhood and form a plan to introduce yourself to a few neighbors.

Pray: Pray that God would open a door of opportunity for you to engage in a conversation with a neighbor you don't know.