

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: The Art of Neighboring

WHAT'S THIS MESSAGE ABOUT?

What did Jesus really mean by “love your neighbor as yourself?” Did He mean our actual neighbors or just people in general? Would our world look any different if the neighborhoods where we lived were filled with people who were sincerely concerned and actively involved in each other’s lives? Since Jesus, having been asked what the most important commandment was, responded by saying, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself,” He must consider the practice of neighboring as extremely important. How we respond to this, personally, might be a key to our truly understanding what sharing the Gospel really means.

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt’s message?*
- *How do you think Jesus defined “neighbor” when asked what the most important commandment was? (Matthew 22:37-40)*
- *Dayspring’s mission statement is, “Feeding our love-starved culture by empowering a Christ filled life.” What does “feeding our love starved culture”, in practice, look like for you?*
- *What is preventing you from getting to know your neighbors better?*

Do something about it:

This week, make a intentional effort to get to know at least one of your neighbors better. Invite them over for coffee, have a conversation with them in the front yard, bring them a get-to-know you gift (pie, cookies, etc.). Begin cultivating opportunities to be “a good neighbor” by letting your neighbors know that you are accessible.

Digging deeper:

Matthew 22:37-40; Galatians 5:14; John 13:34,35; Matthew 5:16; Matthew 25:34-40