

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: The Art of Neighboring – Do Something About It

WHAT'S THIS MESSAGE ABOUT?

We've been talking about taking the Great Commandment literally and making a case that loving our actual neighbor is the best way to lean into the thing that Jesus said was most important. Now it's time to do something about it. Our goal is to move down the line from stranger to acquaintance to relationship. How do we do this? Having already talked about our first step, know their name, now it's time to get creative and personal. Consider using the gifts, talents and personality that God has blessed you with and step out in courage. Look for ways to create environments where your neighbors can meet each other and deepen their relationships. This relationship building will give us opportunities to love like Jesus loved. It will provide us with the opportunity to actually live out the "greatest commandment."

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *Read Luke 5:27-32: What lesson(s) does this story teach that can help you become a better neighbor?*
- *What obstacles are currently preventing you from answering the call to "love your neighbor as yourself?"*
- *What are some practical "first steps" you can take that will get you moving in the right direction?*
- **Do something about it:** The goal of the "Art of Neighboring" is to get to know your neighbors so that your relationship moves from stranger to acquaintance to relationship. Some practical ways you might do that are: invite a neighbor for dinner, host a Super Bowl Party and let the neighborhood know about it (or find the person in your hood that could do that and help them), figure out what Dayspringers already live in your neighborhood and start by getting to know them, host a Block Party, invite some neighbors (and Dayspringers) over and talk about starting a small group, etc. The options here are almost unlimited. Let your personality, talents and gifts lead you to make the personal connections that will help your neighbors to get to know you better.

Digging deeper:

Luke 5:27-32; 15:1-6; James 4:17; 5:19-20; Matthew 11:18-19; 1 Corinthians 5:9-11