

Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: The Art of Neighboring – The Good Samaritan

WHAT'S THIS MESSAGE ABOUT?

Who is my neighbor? When Jesus used the Parable of the Good Samaritan to define what a neighbor is/does did our interpretation of His message give us a license to turn a demonstration of personal care to someone close-by into a general definition of our neighbor being someone we randomly run into who is desperately in need of help? Many use this “everyone is our neighbor” and “only those in desperate need” definitions to give themselves permission to ignore the basic needs of the person who is right next door. If Jesus asked you, “Who is your neighbor,” how would you answer Him?

Questions for discussion:

- *What do you think was the main point of Matt's message?*
- *What lesson do you think Jesus was trying to teach to the “expert in the law” through the Parable of the Good Samaritan? (Luke 10:25-37)*
- *What lesson is Jesus trying to teach you through this parable?*
- *How many of your immediate neighbors do you know? What can you do to get to know them better?*

Do something about it:

Take a close look at the “Chart of Shame.” How well do you really know your neighbors? Over the next month, seek out opportunities to have a casual conversation with each of them. Make it a goal to be able to answer the following questions: (1) What are my “chart-neighbors” names? (2) What is some personal information I could only know about them from having talked with them? (3) What do I know about their family, what they do for a living and what they enjoy doing?

Digging deeper:

Luke 10:25-37; Exodus 12:4; 20:16,17; Proverbs 27:10; Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14