

Generous Neighbor!

From the series: {be} Generous – 04/14/13

PRAYING FOR BOSTON

Before spending time with these discussion questions, please take time as a Community Group to pray for Boston, specifically for the many lives that have been impacted by yesterday's attacks. Pray that God would use what man intended for evil for the saving of many lives ([Genesis 50:20](#)).

BIG IDEA

The greatest thing that we could do with our lives is to love God, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves ([Luke 10:25-37](#)). Its one thing to know the most important thing, but what matters to God is daily living out the most important thing. What might the world look like if ALL Christians from around the world decided to do what Jesus told us to do? Meaning, what might happen if ALL Christians loved their neighbor as we have been loved? Just maybe, Jesus was thinking that Christians would change the world if we'd love as we've been loved...

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

When Jesus was asked by the 'religious expert' who his neighbor was, Jesus responded by telling him a story. Jesus not only identifies who the neighbor is, but he reveals what it means to be neighborly. As you consider the story of the '[Good Samaritan](#)', work through the following questions:

1. Who was the neighbor? What do we learn from this story about being 'neighborly?' What aspects of this story are most challenging to you?
2. Who is your neighbor? Practically speaking, how are you being neighborly to them? How have you or will you use the 'Hello Neighbor' cards to begin serving your neighbor? Help one another think through some practical ways we might begin to 'love our neighbor.'
3. [Leviticus 19:18](#) says that we are to 'love our neighbor as ourselves.' What would it look like to love others as we love ourselves? In what ways do we love ourselves, and how might we begin doing that for those around us?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – we will return to our series in Acts... next up: Acts 4:1-22.
- **NEW HOME** – GENESIS will be moving to 35 Olympia Ave beginning in June. There is a lot of work to get done between now and June in the new space. Please check '[the City](#)' in order to find out the schedule of when we will be in the facility and what the needs are.
- **SERVE** – GENESIS relies on a huge community of volunteers and we need you're help! If not already serving, please consider serving in one of the following areas: Connections, GENESIS Kids, Student Ministries, Worship, Creative, Facilities. Learn more at: genesisthejourney.com/serve