

NEIGHBORS

Pastor Chris Shepperd

BIBLE VERSES

Luke 10:25-37

Romans 5:8

John 13:34-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Thinking about your home and your neighborhood, describe the people that you would label “good neighbors.” What characteristics would you say makes a bad neighbor? Do you have more good neighbors or bad neighbors? Would your neighbors describe you as a good neighbor or a bad neighbor?
2. Read Luke 10:33. The idea of taking pity on him could also be translated that he (the Samaritan) was moved with compassion for him. When was the last time you were compelled to take action because you were so moved with compassion that you could not not take action?
3. Pastor Chris said that in the way of Jesus, it’s not about whether or not the object (the other person) is worthy of your love, mercy, and compassion, it’s about whether the subject is willing—it’s about whether you are willing to show love, mercy, and compassion. What thoughts, prejudices, opinions, or other barriers stand in your way of being willing?
4. Your heart for God is validated and demonstrated by your heart for people. If somebody who didn’t know anything about you observed your life for one week and saw the way you talk to, treat, and talk about other people, how would they describe your heart for God?
5. Who have you chosen to belong in your non-neighbor category that you need to move into your neighbor category this week?
6. After teaching about loving our neighbor, in Luke 10:37 Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.” What, specifically, would it look like for you to “go and do likewise” this week?