

For Our Neighbors

'Show Some Love'

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We live in a busy world. We meet a lot of people, but we struggle to really get to know them. Could our busyness be causing us to miss out on some meaningful relationships? And would it really make a difference if we were intentional about loving our actual neighbors?

1. Can you think of a meaningful friendship from your past? What value did that person add to your life? What circumstances caused that relationship to grow? What caused it to end?
2. Have you been part of a church that seemed to be more concerned with activity than relationships? Which do you think could help you the most?
3. Do you agree with the statement that relationships are the foundation for life change? Why or why not?
4. Read Matthew 22:36-40. What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself?
5. Do you see value in being intentional about getting to know the people who live around you- your actual neighbors? Does the prospect of building relationships with people you don't know drain you or energize you?
6. Read Acts 17:26-27. Have you ever considered that God may have placed you where you are (neighborhood, job, etc.) for a purpose? Does this change the way you view your relationships with your neighbors?
7. Shaun stated that investing in our actual neighbors could be life giving to us, to them, to our church, and to our community. Do you agree? If so, how could each of these be positively impacted by our intentional investment in our neighbors?
8. Are you willing to join in and be intentional about loving your actual neighbors? How can this group help you?

Acts 17:26-27

²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.