



FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH | LIFE NOTES

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE | week 1

Getting Started

Share about your neighborhood and the types of relationships that you have with the people who live on your street or in your building. On a scale of 1 to 10, how “connected” is your current neighborhood?

Play the Video: <https://vimeo.com/117428367>

How did you feel when Kyle said that from the city's perspective “there is not a noticeable difference between how Christians and non-Christians neighbor”?

Digging Deeper

What was your big take-away from the talk this week?

Read Luke 10:25-37

Luke 10:29 says this about the teacher of the law: “But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves in order to avoid taking the Great Commandment literally?

In what ways are you tempted to make a “neighbor” into a metaphor?

Jesus was trying to get the Jewish people to see outside their ethnic boundaries by showing that ANYONE can be their neighbor. We tend to do the opposite in our culture. Since we mostly agree that everyone is our neighbor, we tend to neglect our geographic neighbors and give the word neighbor a more metaphorical definition. It is critical that we understand that Jesus calls us to love our actual neighbors. It is important for this to soak in since this will be a shift in thinking for many people. As long as people define neighbor as a metaphor, they will justify neglecting their geographic neighbors.

What would happen if everyone made it a point to know and befriend their literal neighbors? This is a good opportunity for people to dream together about how the world would change if this were true.

Read Acts 17:26-27

What jumps out at you from this passage?

How does it fit the context of the rest of his sermon in Acts 17?

According to Acts 17 that we just read, why do we live where we live? Why has God placed us in our neighborhoods? What about those that surround us? Why are they there?

We are hoping people make these types of observations:

- 1 – God has a hand in determining where people live.
- 2 – Where we live isn't all about us – sometimes God puts us in places so that those around us (our neighbors) can find HIM!

Moving Forward

1. Do the Block Map - Take out the block map and fill it in right now... just start with the names of your neighbors... (Allow for extra time to do the map this first time around) 4 Go around the room and share how many of the names you knew? Did you have any epiphanies as you did this exercise? What did you learn or feel as a result of doing this exercise?
2. Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week. Take time to pray in the group for the neighbors that were mentioned.
3. Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days. Options they might choose:

- ~Learn a specific neighbor's name
- ~Invite a couple over for dinner
- ~Ask a neighbor for advice on how to take care of your lawn because theirs is nicer

Have everyone share that step out loud and write them down so that everyone can be praying throughout the week.