



Who is my
Neighbor?

Neighbors – Good Samaritan

▶ Luke 10:25-37 (snips below)

- ▶ 25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”
- ▶ 27 So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘**your neighbor as yourself.**’
- ▶ ”28 And He said to him, “You have **answered rightly; do this and you will live.**”
- ▶ 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And **who is my neighbor?**”
- ▶ 36 So **which of these three** do you think **was a neighbor** to him who fell among the thieves?”
- ▶ 37 And he said, “**He who showed mercy** on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “**Go and do likewise.**”

Neighbors - OT

▶ Proverbs 12:26

- ▶ “The righteous person is a **guide to his neighbor**, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

▶ Leviticus 19:18

- ▶ "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but **love your neighbor as yourself**. I am the Lord

Neighbors - OT

▶ Hosea 6:4-6

- ▶ “O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And like the early dew it goes away. 5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; And your judgments are like light that goes forth. 6 For **I desire mercy and not sacrifice**, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Neighbors - OT

▶ **Micah 6:6-8**

- ▶ With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the **Lord require** of you But to do justly, To love **mercy**, And to walk humbly with your God?

Neighbors – Royal Law

▶ James 2:2-13

- ▶ 2 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,” 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? 7 Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?
- ▶ 8 If you really **fulfill the royal law** according to the Scripture, “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself,**” **you do well;** 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Neighbors – Complete the Law

▶ Romans 13:8-10

- ▶ 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**” 10 Love does **no harm to a neighbor**; therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law.**

Neighbors – Golden Rule

▶ **Matt 7:7-12**

- ▶ 7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! 12 Therefore, **whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets**

▶ **1 Corinthians 10:24**

- ▶ “No one is to seek his **own advantage**, but rather that of his **neighbor.**”

Neighbors – Second Mile

▶ **Matthew 5:38-42 38**

- ▶ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And **whoever compels you** to go one mile, **go with him** two. 42 **Give to him** who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you **do not turn away**.

Neighbors – Love your Enemies

▶ **Matthew 5:43-48 43**

- ▶ “You have heard that it was said, ‘**You shall love your neighbor** and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those** who curse you, **do good to those** who hate you, and **pray for those** who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you **love those who love you**, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Neighbors – Jesus – Rest?

▶ **Mark 6:30-37**

- ▶ 30 Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. 31 And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a **deserted place and rest a while.**” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. 32 So they departed to a deserted place in the **boat by themselves.**
- ▶ 33 But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. 34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was **moved with compassion** for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. 35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a **deserted place, and already the hour is late.** 36 **Send them away,** that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.”
- ▶ 37 But He answered and said to them, “**You give them something to eat.**”

Neighbors – Jesus – Rest?

▶ **Mark 6:53-56**

- ▶ 53 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, 55 ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. 56 **Wherever He entered**, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and **begged Him** that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

Neighbors - Brethren

▶ John 13:34-35

- ▶ “I am giving you a new **commandment**, that **you love one another**; just as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have **love for one another**.”

▶ Romans 15:1-3

- ▶ 15 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us **please his neighbor** for his **good**, leading to edification.

▶ Hebrews 13:1-2

- ▶ 13 Let **brotherly love continue**. 2 Do not forget to **entertain strangers**, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Neighbors - Brethren

▶ Galatians 6:1-10

- ▶ 6 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 **Bear one another's burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load. 6 Let him who is taught the word **share in all good things** with him who teaches. 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us **not grow weary while doing good**, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good to all, especially** to those who are of the **household of faith**.

Neighbors – Putting it into Practice

- ▶ **Offer a conversation.**
- ▶ **Offer an ear.**
- ▶ **Offer food!**
- ▶ **Offer help.**
- ▶ **Offer the Word**

Neighbors – Putting it into Practice By Jesus's Example

- ▶ **COMPASSIONATE**
- ▶ **APPROACHABLE**
- ▶ **PRAYERFUL**
- ▶ **UNSELFISHNESS**
- ▶ **FORGIVENESS**
- ▶ **ZEAL**
- ▶ **HUMILITY**
- ▶ **PATIENCE**