

Love-O-LUTION

Getting better at loving: Our Neighbours

*People matter to _____,

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

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Galatians 5:14 The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Pushback:

James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

*World _____: values, priorities...

*World: the _____ of the world

Matthew 9:9-12

Following Jesus' example,

We must ____: deliberately love people far from God.

We must _____, in _____ and in _____ the Good News

Earn the right to be heard.

Involvement produces _____.

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Luke 17:11-19

Remember:

1. God first loved us and now _____ us to love.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2. Make love a _____.

Little by Little, over a _____, makes a difference

3. Grace _____ for us.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Blessing our neighbours:

B- _____ with prayer.

L- _____

E- _____

S- _____

S- _____

Do for one what you wish you could do for all.

Recommended Resources:

"Practicing the Presence of People: how we learn to love"

~ Mike Mason

"Guerrilla Lovers: Changing the world with revolutionary compassion"

~Vince Antonucci



"Love is the overflow of joy in God that gladly meets the needs of others."

~John Piper

1. Can you think of a time when a someone extended themselves in neighbourly kindness to you? Share a memorable story!
2. Read Luke 10:25-37. What two simple instructions does Jesus give to the lawyer? These two instructions are easily quoted, but are they easily obeyed?
3. At first the expert in the law was trying to test Jesus, then the Bible says he desired to justify himself so he asked the question, "Who is my neighbour?" (v.29) What was his motive in asking this question? Why do you think he wished to justify himself? How did he hope to justify himself by asking this question?
4. In the parable the priest and Levite ignored the needs of the beaten man. Who might the priests and Levites be if this story were set in our culture today? And who might be the Samaritan?
5. How did the Jews view Samaritans? (Reading Matthew 10:5-6 might help) Were they seen as fellow Israelites, children of God? Are there any groups or people that are viewed in a similar way in our culture?
6. What are some of the things that prevent us from showing love to our neighbours? Discuss practical ways to overcome these hindrances!
7. Spend some time thinking of some of your neighbours you can reach out to B.L.E.S.S. (Begin with prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share your Story)
8. Share the name of someone you will intentionally reach out to in love, and spend some time praying together for these people God has placed in our lives.
9. Life Group Challenge: How can you as a group serve and love your neighbours? Think of a way you could serve together in order to extend love to someone.



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