

## Getting better at loving: Our Neighbours

Matthew 9:35-38

In Getting Better at Loving our Neighbours,  
do what Jesus did

1. Take the \_\_\_\_\_

2. See the \_\_\_\_\_ of people

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

3. Feel their \_\_\_\_\_

4. Recognise their \_\_\_\_\_

### Six realities about people:

a. Every person wants to be \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Every person wants their life to \_\_\_\_\_.

c. Life is \_\_\_\_\_ without Christ.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

d. Many people carry a load of \_\_\_\_\_.

e. Many are consumed with \_\_\_\_\_ from a past hurt.

f. There's a universal fear of \_\_\_\_\_ and concern about the afterlife

5. \_\_\_\_\_:

Supernatural awareness of conditions around our neighbours.

6. \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

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**John 20:21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."**

Jesus' people are a sent people – sent with  
The love bringing  
Purpose giving  
Life filling  
Guilt releasing  
the forgiveness offering,  
shame destroying,  
life and eternity changing  
news of Jesus Christ

**If you are in Christ, you are sent.**

In Him, we are a movement of missionaries.



1. Share an experience you've had that opened your eyes to the great spiritual needs around you. How might you pursue such opportunities in the near future?
2. Read and discuss Matthew chapter 9, thinking about the people who surrounded Jesus. In this chapter He interacts with at least six different types of people who, in His culture, were marginalized groups. How does he treat each of them? How does He show love to them?
3. Why was it so unbelievable to the Pharisees that Jesus would associate with 'sinners'? (v.11)
4. Who are the marginalized in our culture? Who are the spiritually starved people surrounding us? Where can we, the Church, make a difference by reaching out and extending the love of Jesus? Why is it difficult to do so?
5. Do the massive spiritual needs of the world compel you to action or make you feel helpless? How might Jesus' call to pray in Matthew 9:38 impact your reaction?
6. Consider the "harvest fields" around you. Can you think of anyone God has placed in your life so that you might point them to Him? Who in your life needs your compassion?
7. How would you describe your attitude toward unbelieving coworkers and neighbours? What factors keep you from engaging compassion on them?
8. Consider how your life group might be able to make a difference personally, locally, and globally! Put those ideas into action!



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