



INTRODUCTION:

Are there neighbors you have had in your life that you had a good relationship with? Anyone care to share stories, experiences? What made the relationship good? Any neighbors where the relationship was strained? What made it strained?

TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOOK:

Read Luke 10:25-37

What aspects of the Gospel teach us how to interact with our neighbors?

Pastor David mentioned we want to put a target on our neighbors so we have something to shoot at and we can say “look at me, I hit the target”. What makes us want to define our neighbors?

What is the significance of the Samaritan drawing near to the hurt man? What can we learn about neighboring from that simple phrase “He went to him...”?

What are ways the Samaritan showed compassion? What are ways we can show compassion today in our culture?

Pastor David said “Jesus cares more about us being a neighbor than trying to define who our neighbors are.” What did the Samaritan do to identify the fallen man as a neighbor? (hint: he didn’t identify him as a neighbor, his character was such that he was ready to be a neighbor to anyone who crossed his path).

TAKE IT HOME:

Leaders: have a piece of paper or 3x5 card for each person in your group, have them list the five “families” that live closest to them, either apartment or house, doesn’t matter. Now have them list their kids names (if applicable), now have them list the occupations of each adult. Did anyone get that far? Would they get further if the situation was the five closest co-workers? What are some steps each of you could take to start to fill this card out? Have them take the project home and work on it for the summer, then set a reminder on your phone and circle back to it at the end of the summer.