

The Art of Neighboring
Bulverde United Methodist Church Sermon Series
Week 1—July 14, 2019

Overview:

The power and genius of The Great Commandment - “Love your neighbor as yourself” - is that it’s so simple and yet extremely powerful when acted on. We are called to live out Jesus’s command to love our literal neighbors.

Scripture: Acts 17: 26-27 CEB

From one person God created every human nation to live on the whole earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands. God made the nations so they would seek Him, perhaps even reach out to Him and find Him. In fact, God isn’t far away from any of us.

Reflection Questions:

1. Why do we live where we live? Why has God placed us in our neighborhoods

2. 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? _____

BUMC Art of Neighboring Challenge:

When you complete a challenge item below, please share on social media and tag it: #bumcneighbor

- Prayer Walk Your Block
- Complete your Block Map
- Deepen a Relationship with at least one Neighbor
- Complete & Distribute a Block Directory
- Help Initiate or Plan a Block Party
- Share good neighboring ideas on BUMC Social Media
- Dig deeper by joining a Sunday School class or join the Virtual Study Group (see the “Studying God’s Word” page at www.bulverdeumc.org for details)

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Date	Topic	Scripture
7/14/2019	Call to Neighboring	Acts 17: 26-27
7/21/2019	Overcoming Barriers	Luke 10: 38-42
7/28/2019	Moving Down the Line	Luke 5: 27-32
8/4/2019	Posture Is Everything	Matthew 5: 14-16
8/11/2019	Open Doors	Matthew 17: 1-9
8/18/2019	A United Front	Romans 12:14-21

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Prayer:

Lord, thank You for this study on how we can be better neighbors. Soften our hearts and show us opportunities to better care for the people who live closest to us. May You use us as instruments of Your peace and may our neighbors know our love for You through our actions. In Jesus’ s holiest of names. Amen.