

Who's my NEIGHBOR?

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How to Neighbor

*One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?". Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now **go** and **do** the same." **Luke 10:25-37 (NLT)***

Prejudice and Racism are not skin issues, they are SIN issues.

But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. James 2:9 (NLT)

HOW TO NEIGHBOR

1. I must recognize, YES, he/she is my neighbor!

“And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied with a story...

2. I need to recognize what holds me back, my prejudices.

Who is my neighbor?

3. I must intentionally seek to understand my neighbor.

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4. I must intentionally demonstrate love to those whose story is different than mine.

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By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35 (NIV)

Going deeper on my own: Read Luke 10:25-37 five times in a row carefully and aloud. Who would you be in this story? Pray and ask the Lord to reveal what prejudices you might have. Pastor Jay asked us at the first of the year to go on mission and intentionally build a relationship with a family who is far from God. Have you done that yet? Why, or why not? What is one step you can take this week to begin to love your neighbor? Write Pastor Jay at jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell him your story.