

Who's my NEIGHBOR?

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WHO'S MY NEIGHBOR Orphans and Widows

*"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. **A second is equally important:** 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39 (NLT)*

Who's My Neighbor? Children and Elderly in Need.

What is God's "Plan A"

*Pure and genuine religion (That's a faith lived out) in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows **in their distress** and **refusing to let the world corrupt you.** James 1:27 (NLT)*

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4 (NIV)

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How to Neighbor Orphans and Widows

1. Recognize they are my neighbors.

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2. Pray and ask God for guidance on what you can do.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5 (NLT)

3. Start where I am - my personal family, the CPC family.

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8 (ESV)

4. Intentionally become a foster parent.

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

5. Intentionally seek out an isolated senior adult and adopt them.

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Read James chapter 1; focus on James 1:27. Pastor Jay was open and honest about his struggle in this area. What is holding you back from helping those God has near to His heart? Pray and ask God to reveal the prejudices that are holding you back. Ask God to show you how you can care for what He cares about. Commit for six months to get involved with helping children or seniors that are close to you. If you don't have a starting point, choose to help in our CPC Kids or CPC Student Life areas. Maybe God is prompting you to get involved with the foster care system, volunteering at the Community Enrichment Center or a local nursing home. Whatever He prompts you to do, commit to help for six months. Write Pastor Jay at jay@centerpintchurch.com and tell him your story.