

Who's my NEIGHBOR?

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"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)

THE FOUR MAIN REASONS FOR RELATIONAL POVERTY

1. THE BREAKDOWN OF THE **FAMILY UNIT**.
2. INCREASED MOBILITY.
3. THE VALUE OF **BUSY**.
4. THE RISE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (deferred loneliness).

HOW TO NEIGHBOR (LOVE) THE LONELY

1. I love by **seeing** them. Life is about **PEOPLE**.

An outcast woman at a well. John 4

A crippled man by a pool. John 5

A paralyzed man lowered through a hole in a roof. Luke 5

A woman in a crowd reaching out to touch His garments. Matthew 9

Children cutting in line. Luke 18

*When Jesus came by, He looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" He said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in **your home today.**"* **Luke 19:5 (NLT)**

2. I love by **listening** to them. "Tell me your story."

As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" ... **Mark 10:17-18 (NLT)**

3. I love by **touching** them.

Suddenly, a man with leprosy approached him (Jesus) and knelt before him. "Lord," the man said, "if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared. **Matthew 8:2-3 (NLT)**

4. I love by introducing them to **the relationship** of a lifetime.

Jesus said...Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." **Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)**

Going deeper on your own. Read Mark 5:25–34, Matthew 9:20–22, and Luke 8:43–48. Answer the following questions. During a woman's cycle she was considered ceremonially unclean, thus to be isolated, and not allowed to go to church. What do you think it was like for this woman? Keep in mind she had been in this state for 12 years. What do you think her friends thought of her situation? An unclean woman was not to touch or be touched by a spiritual leader. What do you think she felt when Jesus turned and started asking for her? What do you think she felt when he expressed His love for her? Who in our world is bleeding from a lonely heart? Ask the Lord this week to help you be sensitive to anyone who is reaching out for a touch of true friendship.