



Leading People into a Growing  
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

**Antioch CELEBRATION Message:** Who Are My Neighbors?

**Sermon Series:** Neighbors

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## Suggested Conversation Starter

When you were a kid, how would you have responded to this question: "What is the most important commandment according to the church?"

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One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: "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.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:35–40, NLT**

If a five-year-old were to ask you, "How do I love God?" what would your response be?

What misunderstandings come up when we think about "loving" our neighbor?

Pastor John said, "To love your neighbor is to intend their good." How would you describe that concept in your own words?

What does it say about God's heart in sharing the importance of loving Him with loving your neighbor?

Why is self-love (you could also call it self-honor or self-care) a prerequisite to loving your neighbor?

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What makes you uncomfortable about this conversation? Expressing your uncertainties to God through prayer and to your spiritual leaders and spiritual friends in your group is a great way to grow! How would you fill in the blank?

A question I would really like to ask God is...

A question I've got for the group is...



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Jesus taught us to pray, "May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." **Matthew 6:10 (NLT)**

What would it look like if God's will were done with your neighbors? Your neighborhood?

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Pastor John said, "You cannot succeed at life if you fail in love. You cannot fail in life if you succeed in love."

**Read Matthew 25:31-46.**

Based on Jesus' teaching of the Greatest Commandments and his description of the "Final Judgment," name a real leader in your life you would like to imitate.

## *Pray!*

Pastor John said, "Whoever our neighbors are right now, we should all have a growing heart for them, be praying for them and trying to build relationships with them." Ask God to help you approach and love your neighbors!