



Leading People into a Growing  
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

**Antioch CELEBRATION Message:** Getting To Our Neighbors

**Sermon Series:** Neighbors

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## Suggested Conversation Starter

Does Jesus expect you to reach out and love your neighbor even if it is uncomfortable?

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*"A great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment makes a great church." Pastor Rick Warren*

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**The Great Commandment:** 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 22:37-40 (NLT)

**The Great Commission:** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 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 28:18-20 (NLT)

## Steps in Our Commission to Love Our Neighbors

- 1) Go! Get out of the house!
- 2) Do ministry in community.

The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs. **Luke 10:1a (NLT)**

- 3) Pray for your neighborhood.

These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. **Luke 10:2 (NLT)**

#### 4) Look for the person of peace.

“Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’ If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. **Luke 10:5,6 (NLT)**

#### 5) Love in true humility.

Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. **Luke 10:4a**

#### 6) Don't be discouraged by rejection.

**A prophecy about Jesus:** “He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.” **Isaiah 53:3 (NLT)**

Then [Jesus] said to the disciples, “Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me.” **Luke 10:16 (NLT)**

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How do you like to get out and meet neighbors?

Pastor John said, “The disciples were not just to bring their giftedness; they were also to bring their need. They would have to ask people for help. They would have to be humble.” Why is humility ESSENTIAL in 1) serving God and 2) our approach towards people?

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Why is teamwork both enjoyable and strategic?

Pastor John said, “The person of peace is somebody in your neighborhood who is hospitable and receptive and responsive and open to becoming a friend.” How will you know if someone is a person of peace?

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There is a lot of NEED, and there are few real LEADERS. How does staying faithful to Jesus despite rejection develop your trust in him?

### *Pray!*

Thank God that someone reached out to you, and ask for success in reaching out to others!