

## FOR *our neighbors*

We know we are supposed to love our neighbor, but what does that actually mean and look like? How do we do that in a world that is so divided? Is there really a way? Thankfully there is. When we follow what Jesus has to say on it everything changes.

1. Describe a time in your life when someone showed you what it means to love your neighbor.
2. Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan in response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) How would you answer that question? How does culture answer it? What's the difference between those answers and how Jesus answers it?
3. Dave challenged us to think about our actual neighbors and how well we know them. If you were to think about 6 neighbors around you where you live, what level are you at with knowing them...

**Level 1: Know FACE.** You recognize the person and associate them with a place or a group of people.... Maybe their name.

**Level 2: Know FACTS.** You know how many children they have, what they do for work, where they're from... the basics.

**Level 3: Know FEELINGS.** You know their opinions and what they think about things. You know what they like and what they don't like. You know their preferences and some of their favorite things (store, teams, hobby, vacation spots, etc.)

**Level 4: Know FEARS.** You know vulnerabilities they would not expose to just anyone- weaknesses, struggles, anxieties, concerns, and challenges.

**Level 5: Know FAITH.** You have open discussions about God and you know some of their religious beliefs.

4. There are two big barriers when it comes to being for our neighbors: 1) Time; and 2) Fear. How have you seen these to be true in your life?
5. What specific step will you take this week to be for your neighbors?