

Love Where You Live Take a Walk

Text: Matthew 9:1-26

Purpose: The start of neighboring is being able to see our neighbors as Jesus sees them. In Matthew 9, we follow Jesus as He reaches out to His neighbors and learn how He treated them.

Opening Question: *Who are your neighbors? Do you know their names and what they do?*

Read and Discuss: Matthew 9:1-26

1. *Matt. 9:1-7: The first neighbor. How does Jesus see the man who was crippled? What does Jesus do for him?*
2. *How do you think Jesus sees your neighbors?*
3. *Matt. 9:9-13: The second neighbor. What do you think Matthew saw in himself? What does Jesus see in Matthew?*
4. *What are some of your neighbor's passions? How could God use them in His kingdom?*
5. *Matt. 9:18-22: The third neighbor. What was it that Jesus recognized in the woman?*
6. *Where do your neighbors hurt? What is it in their life that is painful/difficult?*
7. *Matt. 9:23-26: The fourth neighbor. What does Jesus see when He enters the house? What is the significance of the people playing music?*
8. *What are some of your neighbors' traditions, habits or rituals? What can we learn from their traditions? How can we participate in a way that encourages our neighbors?*