

## ***Neighboring: Overcoming the Time Barrier***

sermon series: *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, pt. 2

Luke 10:38-42

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### **Thought Questions<sup>1</sup>**

1. Read Luke 10:38-42 - Do you associate more with Martha or Mary? If you were going to defend Martha in that moment what would you want to say?
2. Discuss the following myths and how you see them impacting our culture:
3. Things will settle down someday.
4. More will be enough.
5. Everybody lives like this.
6. What are the very real impacts on our lives when we think these thoughts? What do they do to our pace of life? What do they do to our relationships?
7. Which of the three myths do you struggle with the most? How does that reveal itself in your life?
8. Imagine yourself with the time it would take to be a great neighbor. What are the things you would have to sacrifice to make that a reality? Why would it be worth it? What could change in your life or in your neighborhood?
9. As you consider the issue of margin in your own life, what could you say “no” to, in order to spend more time in your neighborhood?

### **Moving Forward**

1. Do the Block Map - Write the names of your neighbors by listing out the names of the adults and children of the 8 closest houses or apartment units next to you and pay attention to the blank spaces. Take a second and identify each of the neighbors and decide if they are a stranger, acquaintance, or relationship. Go around and share how many neighbors you know by name and if you have made any progress since the last meeting.
2. Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for over the next week. Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days. Options you might choose:
  - Learn a specific neighbor's name
  - Invite a couple over for dinner
  - Ask a neighbor for advice on how to take care of your lawn because their's is nicer

### **On Your Own**

- Look at your calendar and do an audit of how you have spent your time over the last two weeks. Reflect on how well your calendar is aligned with your priorities.

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<sup>1</sup> Most of these thought questions and action steps come from the book, [The Art of Neighboring](#) by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. I plan to glean insights from their book throughout this sermon series and share them with you . . . and take them to heart myself! :)

# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



YOU ARE HERE

