

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

THESE ARE THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WORKSHEET THAT YOU WILL FIND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

³⁷"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

- Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

To begin, find the "Who Is My Neighbor" chart on the next page. Imagine that the middle box in the chart is your house and the other boxes are the eight houses that God has placed closest to where you live.

Now, you might live in a community that doesn't look like a tic-tac-toe board, and that's okay. Whether you live on a greenbelt, a cul-de-sac, a rural lot with five-acre parcels, or in a corner apartment, try to picture the locations of your eight closest neighbors - the eight who live closest to you - however they might be situated.

Then in the middle of the chart, simply write your home address. In the other boxes, fill in the three sub-points within each box -a, b, and c -as follows:

- a Write the names of the people who live in the house represented by the box. If you can give first and last names, that's great. If it's only first names, that's fine too.
- b Write down some relevant information about each person some data or facts about him or her that you couldn't see/know by just standing in your driveway, things you might know if you've spoken to the person once or twice. We don't mean drives a red car or has yellow roses by the sidewalk, because you could see that from your driveway. We mean information you've gathered from actually speaking to a neighbor, such as grew up in Idaho, is a lawyer, plays golf, is from Ethiopia, had a father in World War II.
- c Write down some in-depth information you would know after connecting with people. This might include their career plans or dreams of starting a family or anything else to do with the purpose of their lives. What motivates them to do what they do? What would they say about God? What do they fear most? What are their spiritual beliefs and practices? Write down anything meaningful that you've learned through interacting with them. You may need to grab another sheet of paper for more space.

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