

Good Bridges Make Great Neighbors

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Series: Endangered Relationships

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Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, (1 Cor. 10:31, Rom. 11:36) and to enjoy him for ever. (Westminster Catechism)

Q: What does it mean to glorify God?

“And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.””
Luke 19:2–5 ESV

“And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.””
Luke 19:7 ESV

“And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.””
Luke 19:8–10 ESV

Living Hope exists to magnify God by bringing people to Christ through the Gospel, and equipping them to serve Him.

What Does It Meant to Be a Great Neighbor?

“And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?””
Luke 10:27–29 ESV

The Example of the Good Samaritan

“Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.”
Luke 10:30 ESV

“Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.”
Luke 10:31 ESV

“So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”
Luke 10:32 ESV

1. I Must Take Advantage of the Opportunities to Help Others

“Do not forsake your friend and your father’s friend, and do not go to your brother’s house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.”
Proverbs 27:10 ESV

“But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.”
Luke 10:33 ESV

2. I Must Have Compassion for Others

“He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.”
Luke 10:34 ESV

“And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’”
Luke 10:35 ESV

3. I Must Make Sacrifices for Others

“Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.””
Luke 10:36–37 ESV