

# The Other Side - The Art of Neighboring

July 30-31, 2016

## Community:

1. As we wrap up this series *The Other Side*, have you learned anything new from the story of the Good Samaritan? What has been the most challenging part of this series for you?
2. When you look at your neighborhood, apartment complex, etc., who are the neighbors you know the best? Do you have neighbors you struggle with? If so, why?

## Core:

1. **Read Luke 10:25-37.** Guest speaker Dave Runyon confessed that (for years) he was “justifying” who is neighbor was by HIS standards and not by Jesus’. Do you find yourself doing the same thing: picking and choosing who your neighbor is?
2. Dave told the story of being convicted by the mayor of Arvada when he said, “*Relationships trump programs every time.*” What are some local/state/federal programs that you can see being “trumped” by relationship?
3. Dave also said that city leaders across the country share the same thought: *There is no perceivable difference between Christian and non-Christian neighbors.* What are your thoughts on this statement? Is this true for you and your neighborhood?
4. How well do you know your neighbors? Why do you think it’s SO difficult to connect with our closest neighbors?
5. **Read Matthew 22:36-40.** *Love God with everything you have and love your neighbor like yourself.* What are some practical steps you can take to love your actual neighbors (the people living closest to you) like yourself?
6. Dave said that the first, best step to take—to love your neighbor—is to (at least) know their names. Do you know the first names of all your immediate neighbors around you?

## Challenge:

1. If you received the *Who Is My Neighbor* refrigerator magnet this weekend, make the commitment to get to know your neighbors first names—filling in each tic-tac-toe square representing the 8 immediate neighbors surrounding you. Pray, asking God for the courage to step out and connect with your neighbors.
2. If you already know your neighbors names, ask God for the wisdom and guidance to make new steps in connecting with your neighbors—loving them like yourself.