

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

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- **Lesson Aim:** To grow in our understanding of what it means to love our neighborhoods.
- **Prayer:** Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show you how to grow in missional living.
- Ice Breaker- Share a time when you had the opportunity to help someone in trouble or in a jam.
 - 1. **Read Luke 10:30-37.** Why do you think the first two men did not stop to help the hurt man? What keeps people from helping others in today's society?

2. Based on this scripture, and Alan Doswald's message Sunday, what is your definition of a "Neighbor"? How has this definition changed recently?

3. **Read 1 John 2:3-6.** What are the commands to believers noted here in this scripture? What will be the result of following these commands?

- 4. **Read Philippians 2:14-16.** When was a time that you did something that you really did not want to do? How does your attitude affect your outreach and example to others?
- 5. During this month of Missional Living, how would you like to see yourself grow personally? Spiritually? How would you like to see your influence expand?
- 6. **Read Ephesians 2:8-10.** Alan Doswald discussed a 3-step process Sunday. What is this 3-step process?
- 7. Where do you feel that you are in this process? How do you feel that we as believers progress through this process?
- 8. When you look at yourself in the middle of your neighborhood, as the magnet in the bulletin from Sunday depicts, who can you introduce yourself to? What, if anything, is holding you back?

Spend time in prayer that this month would be a time of courage and growth in missional living outreach.

Memorizing Scripture is a key tool to resist temptation, make wise decisions, strengthen us under stress, comfort us when we're sad and to witness to those who don't know Christ. **Memory Verse of the Week: Mark 16:15**