

Small Group News

Family Night (Rialto Menu: BBQ): Wed 2/19

Winter Camp: Sponsor a Teen for Camp as a group: Any amount will help – email ycachu@sunrisechurch.org for details.

Pray for: Easter Planning, Winter Camp for Teens

Small Group Questions
For the week of February 16th, 2020

Love Where You Live (Part 3)
Luke 10:25-37

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the month of February, the teaching series will focus on the Great Commandment. February is often associated with love and we want to focus on Jesus' words in Matthew 22 when He chose "Love God and Love others" as the greatest commandments. Our focus will be on the second commandment to love those around us, right where we live.

The focus of the week: **Taking the Step of Inviting Your Neighbor**

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Take a moment and share progress on your block map. Are you getting to know new neighbors? What new things are you learning about neighbors you already know? Share any new experiences or encounters. Are you viewing your neighbors as more than mere scenery or machinery, as discussed last week?

HOW TO LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

1. **Start With A Name:** Write your neighbors name in the squares

2. **More Than A Name:** Write something you know about your neighbors under their name

3. **Jesus Knows Their Name:** Pray for them daily and invite them to Sunrise

Put this card in a place you will see each day

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DIGGING DEEPER

1. You heard this weekend that Jesus' invitations to follow rarely came at "church" (the synagogue or temple), rather during the course of normal life; but where is that found?

Read: John 1:28-31; 35-37; 43, 45-46, & 2:1-2

List the different cities, occasions, and life events from which Jesus called people. What can you learn about inviting your neighbors from Jesus' example? Brainstorm some things and places/events you can invite people to, besides church, which allows them to see Jesus in you.

Read: John 4:1-43

Discuss the different 'every day' elements described in this story about Jesus encounter with a Samaritan woman. How did Jesus show love toward this woman and the town? What was the woman's response to her encounter with Jesus (see verses 28-30; & 39-42)? What can you learn from this about loving your neighbor?

2. For an invitation to be successful, it has to be genuine and appealing. What does the bible say about a believer's responsibility when they invite others to come and see?

Read: Acts 2:41-47; I Peter 3:15; Colossians 4:3-6; Matthew 5:16

Why do you think the followers in the early church had "favor with all the people" (Acts 2:47)? What attitudes should we have when sharing our hope with others? Why do you think it is important for believers to be gracious at all times?

TAKING IT HOME

It has been said that people are more open to an invitation to "come and see" when they are experiencing a trial, a transition, or a tragedy. Take some time and consider the people in your neighborhood and your extended sphere of influence (family, friends, local merchants, etc.). Are there any who are experiencing one of these three seasons? Make a list and journal the names of each and the possible season they are enduring. Then pray about ways you can show kindness toward them and invite them to "come and see."

GROUP PRAYER

