

Love Your Neighbors

1 Peter 3:8-16 – Adam Bowers

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) How does understanding the context of 1 Peter 3:15 change our approach to sharing our faith?
- 2) How can you search for peace with others and work to maintain it? (1 Peter 3:11)
- 3) Why do you think Peter clarified that sharing our hope in Christ must be done in a gentle and respectful way? How can we do that?
- 4) Of the five attributes Peter says we should have, which do you most need to grow in? (1 Peter 3:8)
- 5) What creative ideas do you have for loving your neighbors? (Actual neighbors, work neighbors, or anyone you interact with regularly.)

LOVE YOUR ACTUAL NEIGHBORS

HOST A BLOCK PARTY

- Connect with neighbors to host a block party.
- Make it casual and relational, not too formal or programmed.

GIVE A WELCOME/GIFT BAG

- Add something unique from the community or area.
- Make it personal and special.
- Involve other neighbors as a welcoming team.
- Follow up with a welcome-to-the-neighborhood mixer.

OFFER SERVICE OR HELP

- Cut their lawn.
- Offer child care.
- Help with a DIY project.
- Help someone move in.

INVITE IN OR OUT TO EAT

- Have a cookout or pizza party.
- Invite them to a favorite restaurant.

- Host a Christmas party.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

- Visit an elderly person.
- Run an errand for someone.
- Have a free lemonade stand.
- Sincerely pray for your neighbors and ask what you can pray for them.

LOVE YOUR WORK NEIGHBORS

GREET PEOPLE BY NAME

- Learn the names of your coworkers and their family members.
- Welcome them warmly when you see them.

FOCUS MORE ON OTHERS

- Listen and show interest in their lives.
- Plan words of encouragement, appreciation, and kindness that you can share.
- Offer support and prayer during difficult times.
- Avoid all gossip and complaining.

GIVE A WELCOME/GIFT BAG

- Add something unique or helpful for the job.
- Make it personal and special.
- Involve other coworkers as a welcoming team.
- Follow up by inviting to lunch.

REMEMBER LIFE EVENTS

- Celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, work milestones, births, adoptions, etc.
- Comfort during times of grief or loss.
- Use a calendar to help you remember.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

- Write an encouraging note or email.
- Sincerely pray for coworkers and ask how you can pray for them.