

Part 1: The Art of Neighbouring

Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

INTRODUCTION

What you are determine what you see. There are two ways you can live your life: as a saved person or as a sent person. Jesus always sees himself as one sent by God to save people. That is why He is known for moving into the world of someone considered disreputable—someone whose lifestyle was questionable to other people. How do we see people? Do we move into their world—talk with them, laugh with them, eat with them, play with them, be their friend, and seeing in them hurts that God can heal? The bottomline is: What I am determines what I see. As a follower of Christ, I need to see myself as a sent-one by God to my neighbours.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is your view of God before you became a Christian? Is he more like a judge (who condemns) or a doctor (who heals hurt)? What about after you became a Christian?
- 2. Read Luke 10:25-37
 - a. What is the reason behind Jesus telling this story?
 - b. Jesus could've chosen anyone to play the role of people passing by. Why did he choose the priest, the Levite, and the Samaritan?
 - c. Read Exodus 23:4-5 to see what the Priest and Levite are supposed to do.
 - d. Luke 9:51-55 describes the then current relationship between the Jews and Samaritans. Why do you think Jesus chose the Samaritan to be the hero of the story?
 - e. Read v. 36-37 and notice the role reversal to the question "who is my neighbour?" Why do you think Jesus do this?
- 3. THE ROCKS evangelism strategy is: INVEST & INVITE.
 - a. Can you name 3 people whom you could be investing and inviting to church? Share to the group who they are and how you could possibly invest into their lives.
 - b. We work hard to make our Sunday worship experiences "a safe place" to INVITE your non-Christian neighbours. What can we do better to make our service a better experience for the non- Christians that we invite to church?
 - c. What can you do as a LINK group to always remember to INVEST & INVITE? Pray and Commit as a group to make INVEST & INVITE an integral part of your life as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

MOVING FORWARD

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Changing Your Mind

36 "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. In asking this question, Jesus took this man out of his world of theory and theology into the real world of bad guys, robbers, and people in need. 37 The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same.

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