

# Won't You Be My Neighbor?

## Who Is My Neighbor?

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

(Matthew 22:37-40 NIV) Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

(Mark 6:34 KJ21) And Jesus, when He came out, saw many people and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.

### 1. People are the Heart of the Father.

(Luke 15:1-3 NKJV) Then all the tax collectors and the sinners (people) drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying...

### 2. People are eternal.

(Matthew 25:46 NKJV) And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

(Luke 16:23 MSG) In hell and in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham in the distance and Lazarus in his lap.

### 3. People have potential.

(Luke 19:5-8 NKJV) And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

### Start Talking

- How can we get to know God's heart?
- How can we make it a priority?
- Who were the people that shared the gospel with you and encouraged you to pursue God?
- Who made you a priority?
- How did they reach out to you?
- What would your life be like today if they had not?
- Describe a situation when you reached out to an unlikely person and were able to make a difference in their life.

### Start Thinking

- What suggestions would you give a person who is unsure of how to share the gospel with others?
- Jesus always has us on His mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is mostly on your mind.

### Start Praying

Lord, You're a gracious Father. We're thankful that we're on Your mind, and Your thoughts and affections are always towards us. Lord help us to see other people the way You see them. We want to be your witnesses to the lost. Give us Your passion for people and teach us to share Your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Start Doing

- People are God's number one priority.
- Commit to make people a priority this week.
- With the mind of Christ we can be like Jesus with people as our focus.
- See people with compassion not frustration.
- Seek to know the Father's heart in all situations.
- Allow eternity to motivate you toward others.
- Acknowledge and declare the potential of others.

