

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Hey Neighbor, Just Do It!

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."

(John 2:5 NKJV) His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

1. Just talk to your neighbor.

(John 4:7 MSG) A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?"

2. Just invite your neighbor.

(John 1:35-42 NKJV) Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). 40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

3. Just witness to your neighbor.

(Luke 7:22 NKJV) Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

(John 3:32 NKJV) And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies...

(Acts 4:20 NKJV) For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

(Acts 22:15 NKJV) For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

Start Talking

- Everyone's salvation story is different.
- What's your salvation story?
- If you've shared your salvation story before, what was the result?
- In John 1:39, Jesus says, "Come and see." How can we apply these words today?
- Identify the common theme in Luke 7:22; John 3:32 and Acts 4:20, 22:15. What have you *seen* or *heard* that could be shared with others?
- Do you remember the first time you invited someone to church? What was your experience?
- Explain what it means to give God control of your life.

Start Thinking

- We all have story.
- Are there people we can encourage by sharing our story?
- Lives can be transformed when we invite people to "*come and see*".

Start Praying

Father, you have changed my life. I want others to meet You too. Help me share my story with someone who needs to know You. Show me who to ask to come to church with me. I ask You to prepare this person's heart to say, "Yes". In Jesus' name, Amen.

Start Doing

- God wants us to share our story with others.
- When we reach out to others we see lives changed.
- Jesus encouraged people to "*come and see*".
- Conversation opens the door to relationship. **TALK.**
- Jesus drew people into relationship. **INVITE.**
- When you share what you've "seen or heard", your story can be a witness to others. **WITNESS.**
- Ask God to show you a lost person in your family, office or neighborhood to specifically pray for this week. **JUST DO IT!**

