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TITLE: Being Good Neighbors This Summer on Mission

Summer is a good time for "breathing out" and building new relationships. And it's perfect for going deeper with your current People of Peace. If you'll get out there with a little increased intentionality, you'll set yourself up for a great fall season in your community.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about being a good neighbor on mission this summer...

- 1. Summer is a great time, with plenty of good reasons, to get out and about and mix it up with your neighbors more often. Especially now after coming out of this pandemic lockdown and extreme social distancing. People are more ready than ever to be reconnecting with others and are more open to hanging out and being with people. To find your People of Peace, you need to first be a Person of Peace! Throw parties, go to parties, go for walks, ask lots of questions, and trust God to glorify himself.
- 2. Jesus said to love God with all our hearts and minds and strength... and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This Great Commandment is critical in fulfilling his Great Commission: Make disciples. Don't let fear of man, performance anxiety, or past experiences with your neighbors keep you from trusting God to guide you this summer. You already have His perfect love and acceptance regardless of which neighbors respond to your attempts to build new relationships. You can feel free (and sent by your heavenly Father) to invite everyone to a place at the table and leave the results to him.
- 3. Make a list of your eight closest neighbors' homes. Using the outline I spoke about earlier from *The Art of Neighboring*, write down their names and anything you know about the people in these homes. Make it your goal to complete your list by the end of the summer. This will take some pretty great intentionality, but if you'll do this prayerfully, expectantly, you will most definitely find new People of Peace and see your community growing in size and growing closer. This is all a key component to making disciples. Go ahead... get out there!

Audio: Where to Find Your People of Peace

Book: The Art of Neighboring

Thanks for listening... I'll see you in the next episode!

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