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TITLE: **The “Jesus Model” For Loving Your Neighbor**

We live in an age when it feels like we have very little time for new and trusting relationships—and it’s hard to trust people! So we tend to isolate or stick closer to home and keep to ourselves. But people are dying for real relationships, and isolation only breeds further distrust.

Here are three key things to believe and consider about loving others as you love yourself...

- 1. People are dying for relationships and connection.** We can *choose* to push back against consumerism and individualism that is so toxic. Let’s not let our affluence buy the very walls that keep us apart from real gospel-centered relationships. Try to look at your possessions and blessings that God has given you all as tools and resources to bless others with and build relationship.
- 2. The Word (Jesus) was made flesh and moved into the neighborhood...** That’s like saying, “the opinion of God, the promises of God, have moved into the neighborhood.” Wow! Now, as *HIS* family in your neighborhood, this is your privilege and opportunity to show everyone the love and generosity that the Father has shown you. Don’t let the fear of rejection isolate you. Remember, you are perfectly loved by the Creator God who made you in his image. Trust him to lead you to build trust with others.
- 3. Change the narrative in the neighborhood.** Get to know people’s names! Get to know their story and what they love and value or fear. Start hosting a happy hour or “cornbread Wednesday”. Do what works in *your* neighborhood. Don’t forget how awesome it is to theme your get-togethers... people love that, and it’s easier to invite folks to. The sooner you start these types of invites and get-togethers in your neighborhood, the easier it is. And doing them as a predictable pattern, not a once-off event, will build real traction. Have fun!!!

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