

Acts 16:5 <sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.





followers of Christ Acts 16:5



**PRAY** for those on your list that are far from God

INVEST and build authentic relationships and real friendships with those on your list

INVITE them to the appropriate level of commitment (attend church, starting point, study a book, trust Christ)

## Being A Great Neighbor Matthew 22:34-40



I. Did you ever have a great neighbor?

- Jesus on being a great neighbor
- The Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40) A.
- **Love God** 1.
- The sum of the OT & NT is the command to love God more than anything or anyone else

- Jesus on being a great neighbor
- The Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40)
- **Love Your Neighbor** 2.
  - Neighbor: those who live or work closest to
  - These individuals are our greatest opportunity to invest in but also our greatest occasion of inconvenience & irritation.

- Jesus on being a great neighbor
- The Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40)
- Love Your Neighbor 2.
  - "Make your self-seeking the measure of your self-giving. When Jesus says, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' the word 'as' is very radical...That's a big word 'as!' It means if you are energetic in pursuing your own happiness, be energetic in pursuing the happiness of your neighbor." -John Piper

- Jesus on being a great neighbor
- The Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:34-40)
- Love Your Neighbor 2.
  - The love of God cannot reign in our hearts without the love for our neighbors being recognized in our lives

- III. Are you a great neighbor?
- A. A beautiful day in the neighborhood



- 1. Write the names of the people who live in the eight houses closest to you
- 2. Write some relevant information about them, gathered from conversation, not observation
- About 10% of people can complete task 1 with all eight houses
- About 3% of people can complete task 2 with all homes.



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## WHO IS ON YOUR P12 LIST?

FAMILY MEMBER • FRIEND • CO-WORKER/CLASSMATE • NEIGHBOR

