

# Why Not Minot! NORTH DAKOTA

## Week 2 “How to Neighbor”

### INTRODUCTION

“It’s a beautiful day in this neighborhood,  
A beautiful day for a neighbor,  
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?”

The above lyrics were the opening lines from the iconic TV show Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. Fred Rogers, who played Mr. Rogers, created a show that taught young kids all sorts of different educational things, but one of the main things was being an upstanding person. If kids were exposed to these lessons at an early age, one would hope that as they got older, the lessons would transfer. Unfortunately, kids don’t always grow up to be like Mr. Rogers. Our human nature gives us a tendency toward selfishness, and instead of behaving like Mr. Rogers would want us to, we act awful, and then no one wants to be our neighbor.

God has commanded us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Even though God commanded us to do so, do we take this command seriously? Life can get crazy, but that is no excuse to be a jerk to other people. As believers, we are called to live like Christ by loving one another.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does being a neighbor mean to you? Do you live it out?
2. How does being a good neighbor foster good community?

**Read Luke 10:25–37 & Romans 5:8**

**“Loving your neighbor starts with getting rid of preconceptions.”**

3. Have you ever been the victim of someone’s preconception? Explain.
4. How can we avoid making preconceptions about other people?
5. How does God’s love motivate us to love our neighbors?

**“Being a loving neighbor is a sacrificial action.”**

6. Why is sacrifice an important part of being a good neighbor?
7. In what ways do you struggle most with sacrificing for the good of someone else?
8. What do you think is the significance of the Samaritan helping the Jew—someone his people generally hated?

**Read 1 John 3:18-19**

**“In order to be a Christ-like neighbor, we need to cross over.”**

9. Who is a neighbor of yours that you need to “cross over” to help? What sacrifices will it require of you?

## **ACTION STEP**

For your action step this week, make an intentional effort to think about the question, “Who is your Neighbor?” Make a list of people who you know the Holy Spirit is pushing you to be a neighbor to. Then spend time in prayer asking God to reveal to you how you can love them the way you love yourself. Then take action, cross over to the other side, and really start being a neighbor.

Take Next Steps + Pray Together + Take Care of Each Other = Community Groups!