

A Neighboring Lifestyle

Neighbors – Part 6

“...Love your neighbor as yourself...” Mark 12:31 (NIV)

“Those who want to save their lives will give up true life, and those who give up their lives for me will have true life.”
Matthew 16:25 (NCV)

Living a Bigger Life

1) It's beyond my abilities.

“Sir, Simon replied, we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again.”

Luke 5:5 (LB)

“When the fishermen did as Jesus told them, they caught so many fish that the nets began to break. They called to their partners...and filled both boats so full that they were almost sinking.”

Luke 5:6-7 (NCV)

2) The priority is the people.

“...Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.’” Luke 5:10 (NIV)

“The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.” Luke 19:10 (NCV)

3) The focus is on potential.

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. ‘Follow me and be my disciple,’ Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.”

Matthew 9:9 (NLT)

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person...” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

4) Requires a next step.

“That night Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners.”

Matthew 9:10 (NLT)

“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden...In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)