

# *The Art of Neighboring* Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus

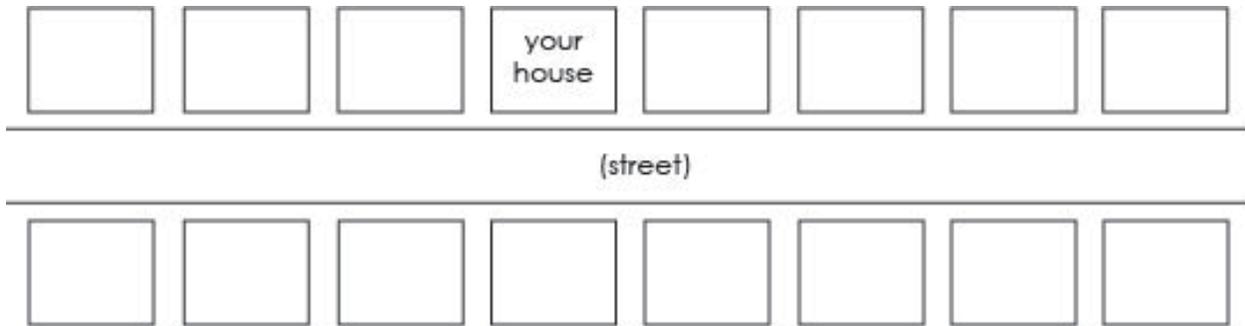
## I. Introduction

- A. Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT) <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."
- B. Matthew 28:18-20 (NAS) <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- C. "A great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment, makes a great church." (Rick Warren)
- D. Love God with all you have, and love your neighbor as yourself!
- E. Luke 10:1 (NLT) *The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.*

## II. Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus

- A. Just get out of the house!
  - 1. Jesus is already at work in the lives of the people in your neighborhood!
- B. Do ministry in community!
- C. Pray for your neighborhood regularly!
  - 1. Luke 10:2 (NLT) *These were his instructions to them: "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."*

## Neighbor Chart



D. In your neighborhood, look for the person of peace.

1. Luke 10:5-7 (NAS) <sup>5</sup>"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house.'<sup>6</sup>If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.<sup>7</sup>Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house."

E. Love with humility

1. Luke 10:4 (NLG) "Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals."

F. Don't be discouraged by rejection.

1. Isaiah 53:3a (NLG) *He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.*
2. Luke 10:16 (NLG) *When he said to the disciples, "Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me."*

### III. Conclusion