



# The Art of Neighboring

## LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE

November 3 - 30, 2019

CALVARY  CHURCH



# OVERVIEW

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## VISION: Each One, Reach One

The purpose of moving together as a church through *The Art of Neighboring* is to promote unity (better together) and further equip Calvary Church to reach Orange County and the world for Christ. Together we can spur one another on towards love and good deeds.

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## THE 'WINS' OF THIS STUDY

- Walk together towards transformational growth (spiritually) and gain “useful today” strategies (practically)
  - View missions as sharing Christ with reached and unreached people, in mono- and/or multi-cultural settings
  - Recognize the path of a disciple leads to becoming a disciplemaker
  - Identify our geographic neighbors and gain momentum in intentionally entering relationships with them
  - Learn the names of the people proximally closest to us
  - Strengthen the relationships in LifeGroups
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## PLAN

- All Calvary LifeGroups walk through the 4 week study at relatively the same time
  - For optimal effectiveness it is important for leaders and teachers to operate as facilitators for discussion and learning
  - Allow the Holy Spirit, the Word, and the videos to be the primary teachers
  - Encourage full participation by everyone in the group
  - Gently nudge quiet people to share a bit, and talkers to share a bit less
  - If the group is too large, consider making multiple groups in the same room
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## RESOURCES

- Videos on Vimeo.com (The Art of Neighboring)
- The Art of Neighboring by Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon
- Across the Street and Around the World by Jeannie Marie
- Bible by God



# WEEK 1

## THE CALL TO NEIGHBORING

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### GETTING STARTED

- On a scale of 1-10, how “connected” is your current neighborhood
- Briefly explain the number you chose.

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### VIDEO: Small Group Session 1

**CLICK HERE TO PLAY VIDEO**

or go to [VIMEO.COM/117428367](https://vimeo.com/117428367)

#### Group Discussion after video:

- What was a “takeaway” from the video you just watched?
- What stuck out to you?
- What did you like?
- What was difficult or confusing?

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### READ & DISCUSS: Acts 17:26-27

- What jumps out at you from this passage?
- According to this passage, why do we live where we live?

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### MOVING FORWARD

- Do the block map – Pass out map (and pens), explain how to fill it in, allow people enough time to do so.
- Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week.
- Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days.



## The Art of Neighboring

# WEEK 2

## BARRIERS: TIME & FEAR

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### GETTING STARTED

- What was the “next step” that you shared the last time we were together?
- How did it go?

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### VIDEO: Small Group Session 2

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#### Group Discussion after video:

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- What stuck out to you? What did you like? What was difficult or confusing?

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### VIDEO: Small Group Session 3

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#### Group Discussion after video:

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### READ & DISCUSS: Luke 5:27-32

- Is there a neighbor that you feel uncomfortable spending time with? Why?
- Is anyone on your block scared of you?

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### MOVING FORWARD

- Do the block map – Identify more names and type of relationship (stranger/acquaintance/relationship)
- Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week
- Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days



# WEEK 3

## MOTIVES MATTER

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### GETTING STARTED

- What was the “next step” that you shared the last time we were together? How did it go?

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### VIDEO: Small Group Session 4

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#### Group Discussion after video:

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### READ & DISCUSS: 1 Thessalonians 2:8b & Matthew 5:14-16

- Currently, what does sharing your life with others look like?
- Discuss the tension in this statement: *“We don’t love our neighbors to convert them; we love them because we are converted.”*

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### MOVING FORWARD

- Do the block map – fill in any new spaces if possible
- Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week.
- Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days



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# WEEK 4

## BLESSED TO RECEIVE A BLESSING

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### GETTING STARTED

- What was the “next step” that you shared the last time we were together? How did it go?

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### VIDEO: Small Group Session 5

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#### Group Discussion after video:

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- What did you like?
- What was difficult or confusing?

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### READ & DISCUSS: 1 Kings 17:7-16

- Talk about a time when you asked and received help. How did it feel?
- How has that relationship progressed?
- Why is it difficult to ask for help?

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### MOVING FORWARD

- Do the block map – complete it if possible
- Identify one neighbor that you are going to pray for during the next week.
- Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days
- Give periodic updates to the group throughout 2019 and 2020