

# Who's My Neighbor?

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- 1 Who is my neighbor?
  - *Anyone God brings across my path*
- 2 What does it mean to "Love" our neighbor?
  - *Treat them exactly as we want to be treated*

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Matthew 5:13-16 & John 17:15/ Jeremiah 29:4-7
- 2 Justice without Jesus is just a Band-Aid  
Mark 8:36/ John 14:6
- 3 Start with your Jerusalem  
Acts 1:8
- 4 Not all needs are equal – Not all needs should be met  
Matthew 26:6-15/ 1 Timothy 5:4-8, Galatians 6:9-10 & Matthew 25:31-40/ 2 Thessalonians 3:10
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## Food for Thought

For the week of June 13, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. It's not hard to find people all around us with needs. The challenge is knowing which of the needs has your name on it (i.e. knowing if this is something you need to respond to). How can each of the following verses help shape your response to the needs of people around you?

Matthew 6:1-4

Proverbs 22:3

Proverbs 28:27

How do you decide if a need has your name on it?

What boundaries or guidelines do you generally follow when it comes to helping others in need?

2. At times it can be hard to determine the difference between helping someone in need and rescuing someone who needs to experience the consequences of their own bad decision or sin. What insights do the following passages give on this dilemma?

Hebrews 12:4-11

2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

3. We heard this weekend that spirituality in a nutshell is to love God and love others. How do the following verses help you better understand what it means to love your neighbor?

James 1:27

James 2:14-18

1 John 3:16-18

4. Can you think of anyone in your life that may need some help from you? What's at risk for you to step in and offer to help? What will it take to see your helping role through to the end?