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# NEIGHBORS - WEEK # 1

## Week # 1: Offering the Greatest Gift to Others



What does it mean to be a neighbor? How can I develop relationships, share faith in Christ, and serve others better? During this Renovation Series, we'll be exploring these questions and also utilizing materials from Bill Hybel's Book, "Just Walk Across the Room." We encourage you to purchase a copy for your own spiritual growth.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has been influential in your faith journey? How has this person(s) helped you grow?
2. **Read John 7:53-8:11.**

Why do the Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery to Jesus? How does their approach to the woman's sin mirror some of the "bad press" or opinions that some have about Christianity today?

3. When the Pharisees put down their rocks and leave, Jesus has an opportunity to invite the woman into the Kingdom of God. What does he say? What does this tell us about God's desires for us? Do Jesus' actions mesh with who you know God to be? Why or why not?
4. What is evangelism? Using a Bible Concordance or dictionary, look up examples of evangelism and discuss the meaning of evangelism as a group.

Do you see this encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well as an example of evangelism? Why or why not?

5. Do you believe that every person needs the grace of Jesus Christ to forgive them and restore them to relationship with God? Why or why not?

Considering your answer to the question above, how are you both living your life in such a way that others around you know you believe this, and what kinds of conversations are you having with others to bring that love, grace, and forgiveness to them?

### **BE THE REVOLUTION**

Evangelism involves meeting people where they are at, and offering them the love, grace, and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all who will receive it.

### **RENOVATING THE HEART**

*And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on, sin no more (John 8:11).*