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# NEIGHBORS - WEEK # 2

## Week # 2: Step One - Developing Friendships



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. Tonight we'll be discussing the first step in sharing your faith with others: developing friendships. Do you think of this as a spiritual activity? Why or why not? How are you developing friendships in your own life?

2. **Read Acts 16:11-15.**

How do Paul and his traveling companions develop a friendship in this passage - what evidences can you identify? More specifically, how does God bless the so that Lydia comes to be baptized?

Why do you think Paul was effective in his missionary journeys in reaching lost people for Jesus Christ?

3. Bill Hybels in his book "Just Walk Across the Room," shares that the longer a person attends church, the less they engage in faith based conversations and evangelism with others. Agree or disagree? Support your opinion with facts from your own life.

4. When you interact with others and develop friendships, do you see these friends in light of who they can be if Christ lived in their life and heart? If so, how does this affect your interactions?

5. What specific step will you take in your life this week to develop friendships with people who do not follow Jesus Christ in your workplace, neighborhood, or other social circles? What character traits will you pray for God to develop in your life as you develop these friendship with others?

### **BE THE REVOLUTION**

Developing relationships with others enables followers of Jesus to offer care, compassion, and the love of Jesus Christ.

### **RENOVATING THE HEART**

*The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul (Acts 16:14).*