

## Sermon-Based Small Group Preparation

For the week of October 19, 2014

**“What’s Good for the ‘Hood’”**

Sermon Series: *Who Is My Neighbor?* (week 3 of 3)

Luke 10:1–7, 16

» Please look over these questions *before* your Small Group meeting «

### Getting Started

10 minutes

- 1) What is your favorite holiday? What makes it such a special occasion?

#### Key Concept

Jesus’ emphasis on loving our neighbors serves as our commission to get out of the house, meet, and care for others.

### Into the Bible

20 minutes

- 2) This week’s sermon was the third in a series on loving God and loving others as ourselves. Have you gained any new insights or been challenged by some of the things Pastor Harrington said in this series?

*Read Matt 28:18b–20 (Scriptures are printed in the Additional Resource)*

- 3) During the sermon, we considered how the disciples might have felt at hearing these words, what we call the Great Commission. What is your emotional response to Jesus’ command?

- 4) What does “go and make disciples of all nations” mean within your own context?

*Read Luke 10:1–7 (Additional Resource)*

- 5) Why did Jesus send out seventy-two more from his group of followers?

### Digging Deeper

40 minutes

- 6) What are some responses you can expect when you leave the comfort of your home to get to know and care for others?

- 7) How do you feel about the harvest in your neighborhood?

*Read Luke 9:1–6 (Additional Resource)*

- 8) In this passage, Jesus sent out his twelve disciples. Based on this and the previous passage from Luke, what was Jesus’ purpose in commissioning his followers?

- 9) Do you have a sense of purpose to your life, to the way you spend your time and energy?

- 10) What is one thing in particular you learned from this sermon series or from group discussion that could help you love God with all your being and will the best for others?

## Sermon Notes

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Six Steps for Us to Be Turned Loose to Love Our Neighbors:

- 1) Just get out of the house.
  
- 2) Do ministry in community.
  
- 3) Pray regularly for your neighborhood.
  
- 4) In your neighborhood, look for the person of peace.
  
- 5) Love in true humility; not false superiority.
  
- 6) Don’t be discouraged by rejection.