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Loving Our Neighbors Galatians 5:14 • Galatians 6:9 • Colossians 4:2

How Being a Missionary Made Me a Better Neighbor Galatians 5:14

"For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- In my growing up years at Calvary (Jon), during the week, I was in the game, but in a different game
- Part of being a good neighbor is being open and real
- Some ups and downs of being a missionary neighbor
 - Jeremiah 20: 7-18 "I have become a laughingstock all day long; Everyone mocks me... But the Lord is with me like a (mighty) dread warrior..."

Don't Give Up When Loving Your Neighbors Gets Difficult Galatians 6:9

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."

- Do not lose heart when reality doesn't meet expectations
- God's clock is always on schedule
- Reaping a harvest
 - Luke 10:2 - *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."*

Praying for your Neighbors Colossians 4:2

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving."

- Pray & Go - Prayer walking our neighborhoods here in Orange County
- Guided Prayer
- Jesus' Example of Neighboring: *"The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood"* John 1:14 (MSG)

Digging Deeper

Galatians 5:14, 6:9 • Colossians 4:2

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

2 Read the Text: Galatians 5:14, 6:9 • Colossians 4:2

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- Ask the Lord, *"Lord, why do You place such an importance in the scriptures on loving our neighbors?"*
- Ask the Lord, *"Lord, what does it practically look like for me to live the Galatians 5:14 call to 'love your neighbor as yourself?'"*
- Galatians 6:9 encourages us to "not lose heart in doing good." Ask the Lord, *"Lord, in what ways does my heart need encouragement as I consider loving my neighbor?"*
- Ask the Lord, *"Lord, as I engage with You in prayer, how can prayer serve as a catalyst to love my neighbors?"*

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: ["God of this City" by Chris Tomlin](#)

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

May you know that you can be strong and have courage because our God will go with you and He will not leave you or forsake you [Deuteronomy 31:6](#)

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Connect Online Midweek: Engage with life at Calvary each day of the week through livestream and on-demand content, plus social media posts by following us on Facebook and Instagram [@calvarylife](https://www.instagram.com/calvarylife)

Family Activities: Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Your generosity and faithfulness is making a difference locally and globally! You can give today using the Offering Boxes available by the doors in the Worship Center and Chapel, or give online at calvarylife.org/give

Corner Books + Coffee: At the Corner, we believe a good book can change a life, especially God's Word. So, every purchase provides an opportunity to help fuel Bible distribution locally and translation globally. **Coffee Cart volunteers are needed for Sunday mornings!** Interested in helping? Call 714.550.2459 or email rharris@calvarylife.org.

O Praise The Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet, My Saviour on that cursed tree
His body bound and drenched in tears, They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone

Chorus: O praise the Name of the Lord our God, O praise His Name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise, Oh Lord oh Lord our God
Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting, The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Holy holy is He, Sing a new song to Him Who sits on, Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus: Holy holy holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing, Praise to the King of kings, You are my ev'rything, And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory, And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water, Such a marv'lous mystery

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Holy Holy Holy

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty, Early in the morning, Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy, All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns, Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim, Falling down before Thee, Which wert and art, And evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy, Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, There is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, In love and purity

Holy holy holy, Lord God Almighty, All Thy works shall praise Thy name, In earth and sky and sea,
Holy holy holy, Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, Blessed Trinity

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Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me, You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me, You have been so so kind to me

Chorus: O the overwhelming never-ending reckless, Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found, Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it, Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless, Love of God

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me, You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me, You have been so so kind to me

Bridge: There's no shadow You won't light up, Mountain You won't climb up, Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down, Lie You won't tear down, Coming after me

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