



STUDY GUIDE

LIFEHOUSES 5.04.14

[WARM-UP]

Last week at CVC we challenged our community to become “Life Houses”. A “Life House” is a home where the occupant sees themselves placed strategically by God to love, serve and interact with their immediate neighbors with the ultimate desire that they would come to experience new life in Christ. Many of us have lived next to someone for years and still don’t even know their name.

Every neighborhood has needs and every CVCer is living in some kind of neighborly context and placed on purpose by God to help meet those needs. The primary focus of being a Life House is to build genuine relationships with our immediate neighbors through love and service, believing and hoping that it will lead to a visible and verbal witnessing opportunity to share Christ. Life Houses is not a project, event or even a teaching series. This is movement, a way of life we are calling our people to; an identity for our home.

Life Houses live out 3 Commitments:

- 1. Prayer** – committing to know our neighbors and pray for them regularly. (2 Tim. 2:1)
- 2. Care** - committing to sense and observe practical tangible needs within the life of our neighbors and demonstrate God’s love by meeting those needs. (1 John 3:17-18)
- 3. Share** - As we build relationships with our neighbors, their curiosity is often awakened and doors to share our faith in Christ become increasingly natural. A Life House listens to the story of their neighbors, shares their story when given the opportunity and then shares God’s story when it feels natural and invited. (Luke 24:47; 1 Peter 3:15)

What efforts did you make this last week to become a LifeHouse?

If this is new to you, what efforts can you make starting this week?

[DIGGING DEEPER]

Read Luke 10:25-29

In this account, we have a religious expert on the law engage Jesus on how to live in and for God’s kingdom. The outcome of this was Jesus summarizing all of the Old Testament law into two commandments: Love God with everything you can, and love your neighbor as yourself. (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 19:19; Matt. 22:39; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:25-27)

What can you learn about loving your neighbor by this exchange between Jesus and this lawyer? What issue was within the lawyer’s heart? How can you be similar to the Lawyer?

What is the connection between loving God and loving others?



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