

"The Art of Neighboring: The Great Commandment"

Matthew 22:34-40 & Galatians 5:13-15

1. Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don't have.

2. We don't love our neighbors to convert them; we love our neighbors because we are converted.

3. We are The Connected Body of Christ.

Table Talk

- 1) What is God's design for your neighborhood?
- 2) What good things might happen if you truly got to know the people in your neighborhood and they got to know you?
- 3) Do you live at a pace that allows you to be available to those around your home? And if not, are all of the things you're doing more important than taking the Great Commandment literally?
- 4) What would it be like if we were to make a commitment to take the next step with each of our immediate neighbors this year and learn their names?
- 5) What would it be like to make a commitment to throw at least one good block party every year, and then to sit back and see how God uses it on our block?
- 6) Who are the two or three households in your neighborhood with whom you are already connected and could be a potential partner in this venture?
- 7) Who are the "persons of peace" in your neighborhood?