

(4) Read Leviticus 19:17-18. Why is it important that we not “hold a grudge” against anyone in our community if we are going to love our neighbors? What is required in our hearts for us to extend forgiveness and grace to our literal neighbors?

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**Getting Real:**

(1) Pull out the block map from Sunday’s sermon. How well did you do in filling out the names of your 8 closest neighbors? What did this exercise reveal to you? What would it take to completely fill in the names on your block map by the end of this sermon series (the next 3 weeks)?

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(2) How well did you do in writing down information about your neighbors that you’ve learned in personal conversation with them? How would you classify each of your neighbors on the scale of stranger – acquaintance – friend?

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(3) What is your greatest personal obstacle to loving your neighbors? Be honest and open with your small group. If you were going to take *one small step* in the next week to get to know your neighbors, what would it be?

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(4) Share a prayer request that you know one of your neighbors is facing at this time. Write down your neighbor’s need, and ask your small group to join you in lifting that need before our heavenly Father.

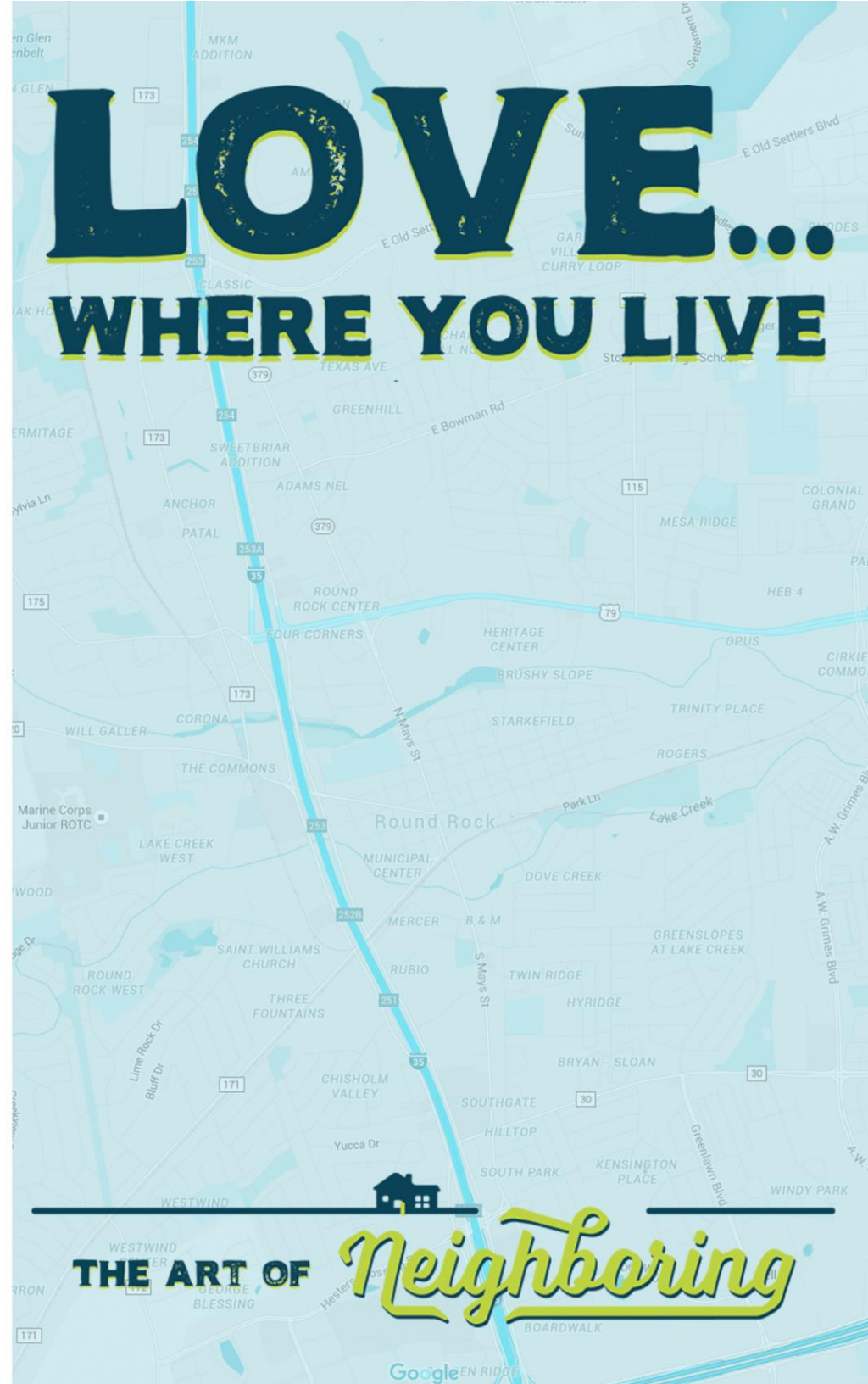
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# Love Where You Live #1 – The Great Commandment

Another Way to Define Maturity → Mark 12:30-31

1. Loving \_\_\_\_\_
2. Loving Your \_\_\_\_\_

Love Where You Live:

- September 2015: study the concepts in small group
- October 2015 – March 2016: intentional neighboring
- April 2016: host neighborhood discussions
- October 2016: Love the Rock 2016

Why are we participating in Love Where You Live?

1. Encouragement from \_\_\_\_\_ leaders in Greater Austin
2. Encouragement from \_\_\_\_\_ leaders in Greater Austin

What would it look like to make this an ongoing part of our lives?

BELIEF: God has placed me where I live on \_\_\_\_\_ to love my neighbors.  
Acts 17:26-27

VALUE: My \_\_\_\_\_ neighbors matter to God and should matter to me.  
Luke 10:25-37

PRACTICE: Get to know my neighbors \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Block Map

VIRTUE: Become a good neighbor.  
Galatians 5:14

Two challenges we all face in being a good neighbor:

- A Lack of \_\_\_\_\_
- A Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_

What does it look like to Love Where I Live?

- Kristin's Story

## Small-Group Curriculum

### Getting Started:

- (1) Share about your neighborhood and the types of relationships you have with the people who live on your street or in your building. On a scale of 1 to 10, how "connected" is your current neighborhood?

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- (2) What was your big take away from this week's sermon and video? What stuck out to you as especially meaningful and important for you personally? What was the most difficult for you to process or understand?

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### Getting Deep:

- (1) Read Acts 17:26-27. What jumps out at you from these two verses? How do these verses fit into the context of the rest of Paul's sermon in Acts 17? Ultimately, why do we live where we live? Why has God put us around the people He has placed us near?

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- (2) Read Luke 10:25-37. In what ways do we attempt to justify ourselves in order to avoid taking the Great Commandment literally? In what ways are you tempted to make a "neighbor" into a metaphor?

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- (3) Read Mark 12:28-31 and Galatians 5:13-15. What does Paul mean when he says that "the entire law can be fulfilled in the statement, 'love your neighbor as yourself'?" How is our love for God related to our love for our neighbors?

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