

Series Title: If You Give A Neighbor A Cookie | Practicing Love Where You Live

Series Blurb/Teaser: Loving God can feel a little abstract. Loving people? Honestly, a little overwhelming. Especially when it involves awkward waves, barking dogs, or lawn mowers at 6 a.m.

But what if being a decent neighbor is less about big, impressive gestures, and more about small, everyday acts of love and presence? What if it looks like showing up in ordinary ways: remembering a name, knocking on a door, offering help, maybe even sharing a cookie?

So, whether you're best friends with your neighbors or still peeking through the blinds, this is your invitation to take one step closer to the people around you. Series starts SEP 07.

Series Outcome: Participants will develop spiritual depth through intentional connection with God while expanding relational width through practical neighboring practices. They'll walk away equipped to live missionally, love naturally, and build deeper community where they live and worship.

Series Snapshot:

DATE	SERIES TITLE	MESSAGE TITLE	SCRIPTURE
09/07/2025	If You Give A Neighbor A Cookie	Start with Hello	Matthew 22:36–40; 1 John 4:7-12
09/14/2025	If You Give A Neighbor A Cookie	Be Curious, Not Creepy	Luke 10:25–37
09/21/2025	If You Give A Neighbor A Cookie	Remember to Offer Milk	Romans 12:9–13; Acts 2:42–47
09/28/2025	If You Give A Neighbor A Cookie	Keep Your Cookie Jar Full	John 15:1–17

Expanded Series Snapshot:

09/07/2025 **Series Title:** If You Give A Neighbor A Cookie

Message Title: Start with Hello

Scripture: Matthew 22:36–40; 1 John 4:7-12

Main Point: Loving God and others isn't just a task—it's the foundation of a flourishing life.

Next Step: Ask God to deepen your love for Him and help you see your neighbor with fresh eyes.

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Message Title: Be Curious, Not Creepy

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Main Point: You don't have to be weird to be a good neighbor—just present and curious.

Next Step: Learn or remember the name of one neighbor this week. Ask a follow-up question.

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Message Title: Remember to Offer Milk

Scripture: Romans 12:9–13; Acts 2:42–47

Main Point: Hospitality is a spiritual practice that creates space for connection and community.

Next Step: Plan one simple way to “set the table”—a walk, a meal, a hello—from where you already live.

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Message Title: Keep Your Cookie Jar Full

Scripture: John 15:1-17

Main Point: Lasting love for neighbors flows from abiding in God's love.

Next Step: Choose one spiritual practice (prayer, Scripture, Sabbath) to deepen your life with God this week.

Celebrate Neighbor Day: SEP 28

RESOURCES:

Deep & Wide: Creating Churches Unchurched People Love to Attend

Author: Andy Stanley

About: Focuses on building churches centered on grace and truth, deeply rooted in God and accessible to those far from faith.

[Author Website](#) – Andy Stanley / North Point Ministries

[Book on Amazon](#)

Start with Hello (And Other Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors)

Author: Shannan Martin

About: Encourages readers to move toward their neighbors with intention, vulnerability, and everyday presence.

[Author Website](#) – Shannan Martin

[Book on Amazon](#)

The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door

Authors: Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon

About: Practical strategies to connect with literal neighbors and live out the Great Commandment where you live.

[Author Website](#) – Dave Runyon / The Art of Neighboring

[Book on Amazon](#)

A New Way to Love Your Neighbor: Be Curious, Be Free, Be Brave

Author: Jada Edwards

About: A call to break down barriers and love boldly by being curious, free from fear, and brave in faith.

[Author Website](#) – Jada Edwards

[Book on Amazon](#)

The Turquoise Table: Finding Community and Connection in Your Own Front Yard

Author: Kristin Schell

About: Tells the story of creating space for community by placing a turquoise picnic table in the front yard.

[Author Website](#) – Kristin Schell

[Book on Amazon](#)

How to Love Your Neighbor Without Being Weird

Author: Amy Lively

About: Encourages readers to take the awkwardness out of outreach and build genuine neighborly relationships.

[Author Website](#) – Amy Lively

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