

## Love Your Actual Neighbor

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**Series Blurb/Teaser:** It's easy to love folks who are nice to us, but how about the grouchy ones? The egotistical ones? The ones who are different from us, who don't believe what we believe, or who see the world differently? Join us as we explore different ways we can live out the command to love our neighbor.

**Series Outcome:** Participants will grow in loving neighbors who are different than they are.

### Series Snapshot:

DATE	SERIES TITLE	MESSAGE TITLE	SCRIPTURE
09/24/2023	Love Your <u>Actual</u> Neighbor	Love Your (fill in the blank) Neighbor	<a href="#">Matthew 22:34-40</a>
10/01/2023	Love Your <u>Actual</u> Neighbor	Love Your Foreign Neighbor	<a href="#">Acts 8:26-40</a>
10/08/2023	Love Your <u>Actual</u> Neighbor	Love Your Atypical Neighbor	<a href="#">John 9:1-7</a>
10/15/2023	Love Your <u>Actual</u> Neighbor	Love Your Unhoused Neighbor	<a href="#">Matthew 25:37-40</a>
10/22/2023	Love Your <u>Actual</u> Neighbor	Love Your Opinionated Neighbor	<a href="#">James 1:19-20</a>
10/29/2023	Love Your <u>Actual</u> Neighbor	Love Your Future Neighbor	<a href="#">Hebrews 12:1-3</a>

### Expanded Series Snapshot:

09/24/2023     Series Title: Love Your Actual Neighbor

Message Title: Love Your (fill in the blank) Neighbor

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40 (The Greatest Commandment)

Main Point: The command is to love. Period.

Next Step: Participate in Neighbors Week and practice loving others as a response to God's grace/love.

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Message Title: Love Your Foreign Neighbor

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40 (Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch)

Main Point: Loving neighbors includes those outside our "tribe."

Next Step: Learn about, celebrate and support a culture other than your own, modeling a love that transcends boundaries of gender, race, and ethnicity.

10/08/2023 Series Title: Love Your Actual Neighbor  
Message Title: Love Your Atypical Neighbor  
Scripture: John 9:1-7 (Jesus heals a man born blind)  
Main Point: Loving neighbors includes those who experience life in ways outside of what is defined as “normal.”  
Next Step: Consider ways you practice or benefit from “ableism.” Find one way to practice a more inclusive love in word and deed this week.

10/15/2023 Series Title: Love Your Actual Neighbor  
Message Title: Love Your Unhoused Neighbor  
Scripture: Matthew 25:37-40 (serving others is loving Jesus)  
Main Point: Jesus’ command to love neighbors includes meeting the everyday needs of people.  
Next Step: Serve someone this week by meeting their everyday needs.

10/22/2023 Series Title: Love Your Actual Neighbor  
Message Title: Love Your Opinionated Neighbor  
Scripture: James 1:19-20 (be slow to speak and quick to listen)  
Main Point: Loving neighbors involves engaging ideas you don’t agree with or may even oppose.  
Next Step: Watch a news program, listen to a podcast, or read an article from a source outside your usual information bubble. If possible, ask someone who holds a different opinion than you to share why they believe what they believe. Just listen.

## **ALL SAINTS DAY**

10/29/2023 Series Title: Love Your Actual Neighbor  
Message Title: Love Your Future Neighbor  
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3 (draw strength from the cloud of witnesses)  
Main Point: We remember and are encouraged by those who went before us. Live as one who others will one day remember and be encouraged by.  
Next Step: Share a story of someone who has influenced your faith with someone you hope to encourage in theirs.