



Jeff Brodie // How Do I Be in the Corner of My Neighbour? // April 28th, 2024

Taking the step to care for someone who doesn't know Jesus can feel daunting. What does it mean to be the kind of person, and the kind of church, that cares for people who are far from God? There's something powerful about one human being intentionally serving another. It's at the heart of our faith and modeled by Jesus.

Scripture: [Luke 10:25-37 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: People won't know that Jesus is for them until they know that you are.

Discussion:

1. Has your heart been changing when it comes to how you see the people around you each day? Why or why not? As you've been praying and looking around for those who need someone to be for them, what have you learned and how have you grown?
2. What has your personal experience been with neighbours? Good? Bad? Mixed? Other?
3. Read the story of the Good Samaritan in [Luke 10:25-37](#). What stood out to you from Jeff's message on Sunday?
4. Jeff argued that many people around us are beaten up or even half dead internally. What are some of the ways you see evidence of this in people's lives?
5. The religious people avoided—or looked and chose to ignore—the man who was beaten up. Why do you think you sometimes avoid people who are struggling in life? What do we wish people would do for us when we share our struggles?
6. How do you need to change the posture of your heart, or start new patterns, in order to make room for people around you who need the hope of Jesus? How could this moment be an opportunity to renew your compassion for people?
7. Jeff shared the idea of preparing to be in people's corner—and eliminating any excuses—by creating your own "FOR Them Kit." What might this look like in your life?
8. What does it mean for you to be part of a church committed to reaching people?
9. As you consider the four FOR Them initiatives in the magazine/[on the web](#), what has you most excited? Why?

10. May 5th is Pledge Sunday. It's going to be a huge moment for all of us. How are you feeling about committing financially? How has your prayer time about it been going?
11. Is there anything holding you back or any questions you have about making a pledge? Here is a [walkthrough video](#) with instructions on how to do so.

Moving Forward:

This week, pray for those who you are on your heart who don't know the hope of Jesus. And be looking for people—neighbours—around you who you can care for.

Also, pray for our church and for yourself in this significant spiritual moment where we all bring our financial commitments next Sunday in order to reach more people. Be sure to read through your magazine or check out connexuschurch.com/forthem for all the details about the FOR Them initiative.