



## Session 1

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### **Our Values:**

Love for Neighbor  
Faithfulness to the Truth  
Public Witness  
Missional Intentionality  
Intimacy with God

### **GROUP OPENER**

Share some of your family of origins “values”.  
Things like “In our family we always \_\_\_\_\_”.

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

- Read the following verses:  
Matthew 22:34-40, Leviticus 19:13-18,  
Luke 6:32-35, Luke 10:25-29
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?
- For a Formation Framework sheet go to [www.necchurch.org/resources](http://www.necchurch.org/resources)

October 6  
WEEKEND

### **As a Group**

Have each person name a couple of their immediate neighbors.

Why can it be difficult to actually and practically love our neighbor?

It can be easy to fall into the trap of believing keeping your lawn mowed, not letting your dogs bark too much or generally conforming to the neighborhood policies make us good neighbors. The love for the neighbor that Jesus is talking about is active, not passive. It requires us to do something.

In the story of the good Samaritan, Jesus makes the point that our neighbor includes those who our paths cross unexpectedly each day.

How can you be ready to love in those unexpected interactions?

**Read:** Matthew 28:19-20

How does this great commission relate to loving your neighbor?

### **ACTION STEPS**

*I will statement...*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, “I Will \_\_\_\_\_”. Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.
- Share your “I Will” statement with the group.

### **Before you go**

**Read:** 1 John 4:7-12 and pray.

### **On Your Own**

Practice your “I Will” statement this week and share it with someone in your group each time you get the opportunity.