

Community: What are we trying to do here?

Introduction

Thank you for joining us tonight! Our family enjoys having people over for meals, we hope that is okay with you.

Pray over food.

- ❓ Everyone introduce your family members, which house you live in, how long, why here?
- ❓ Name your favorite hobby or passion. If you could spend a day with someone in that hobby or passion, who would it be?
- ❓ Share about the best team or group you have ever been involved in. What made this team great?
- ❓ If this group were to become something important for us, what would be needed to make that impact?

Host: share your faith-life story! Include how you came to this neighborhood, and the value you see in a neighborhood small group. What is the vision for this gathering (Frequency, discussing the Bible and life, celebrating together, etc). We yearn for authentic relationships and the opportunity to be the opposite of "fine" with people who cheer for us.

We Love Where God Placed Us

Discussion

The guiding foundation for our family is the Bible and the Bible calls us to "love your neighbor as yourself."

- ❓ What is a guiding foundation for your family?

The idea of "looking out for number one" is not new. But this seems to have reached new heights in recent months and years. While many in the world today are talking and thinking about what it means to love other people, there is an equal number of people who drawing in and seeking to protect what is theirs. Jesus told His followers to love their neighbors no matter what. This was a counter cultural idea in Jesus' time and it still is today.

- ❓ Do you think most people in the world today value their neighborhood? Why or why not?

We believe this value originated long ago.

Read Mark 12:31

- ❓ What do you think it means to love someone or something "as yourself"?
- ❓ How would you describe loving your neighbors?

 What do you know about how God has loved people? How have you experienced God's love in your life?

 Are you familiar with any ways Jesus showed people what it's like to be selfless in loving others? How would this affect the way His followers live?

Admittedly, living in a selfless way is extremely hard, especially when wrong has been done against you. In fact, living this way is impossible apart from God's power in our lives.

Conclusion

 Who is in your life and neighborhood that you could seek to show love to this week, no matter how much they deserve it or not? What is one practical step you can take to show this person that you care about them and desire to love them "as yourself"?

 Think of a need in our broader community. How might we seek to love others as ourselves in this area as a group?

After tonight's experience, talk with your family about being a part of this neighborhood small group!