

LOVE *Where You* LIVE



A Neighboring Project of the Senatobia Church of Christ • LifeGroups Study for October 9, 2016 • "DO YOU SEE THIS WOMAN?"

ICEBREAKER

- What things about your neighbors irritate you? What probably irritates them about you?

THE TEXT

- Read aloud the text for this series: **Matthew 22. 35-40.**
Read aloud the text for this lesson: **Luke 7. 36-48.**

THE SERMON

- Esther was told she was raised up "for such a time as this." What other individuals in scripture fit this description?
- What does it mean that we are "God's workmanship," and through Christ prepared in advance to do good (Eph. 2.10)? How can this be lived out in neighboring?
- Describe how God has moved from "hovering" (Gen. 1.2) to living in you (1 Cor. 3.16).
- What is the significance of the question Jesus put to Simon, "do you see this woman?"

REFLECT

- Have you ever suspected in your life that God had you in a particular place for a particular reason?
- God has proven his desire to move nearer and nearer to man. How has man responded?
- Cocooning is a marketing term describing personal and family self-isolation. Do you cocoon? How?
- Why is knowing someone's name important?

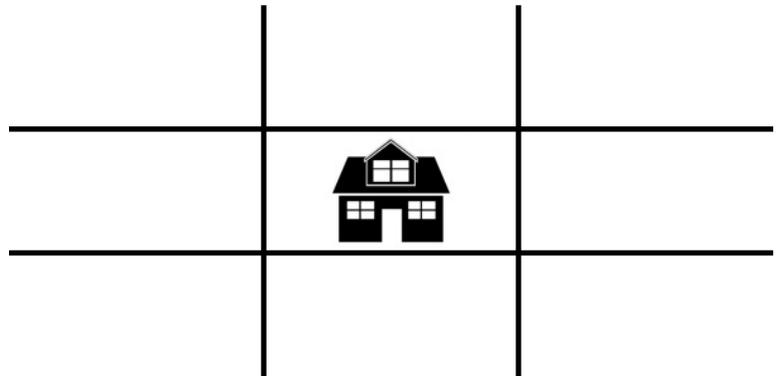
From the sermon:

"Here's a biblical truth: you and I will never lock eyes with anyone — anyone on the face of this planet — who is not as loved by God as you are!"

- How have you seen this biblical truth played out in your life? Have you ever overlooked someone, or been overlooked, because of appearance or circumstances?
- Do you find it harder to be interesting, or interested? Is it easier for you to say "here I am," or "there you are?"

CHALLENGE

Can you complete the chart that Mike showed in his sermon today? What can you do this week to begin to fill in the names?



PRAYER

Father in the name of your son Jesus we pray... Holy is your name in all the earth. May we, as your people in your kingdom, see all people as dearly loved to you. May we break our isolation to be the workmanship you planned, and to carry your love to those around us, to be salt and light, and messengers of your peace. Help us to tear down fences and break down walls, and to love in obedience, so that you may be glorified. Amen.