

## Like A Good Neighbor

### The Contrast of Religion and Christ

- A. Life is to be Explained rather than Experienced
- B. Recitation of Dogma vs. Revelation of Christ
- C. Looking for Excuses vs. Looking for Opportunity

### The Be a Neighbor

- A....Is to move toward another's needs
- B....Is to be connected to another's pain
- C....Is to get involved in another's healing
- D....Is to give out of our own resources

### Jesus' Acts Toward Us

- A. He moved toward our need when others had walked by us

*John 1:1, 14*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

### Jesus' Acts Toward Us

- B. He connected to our pain

*2 Corinthians 5:21*

*God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

### Jesus' Acts Toward Us

- C. He got involved with our healing

*Isaiah 53:4-6*

*Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

## Jesus' Acts Toward Us

D. He gave out of His own resources

*Romans 5:8*

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

## Steps to being a Good Neighbor

1. Embrace Jesus' picture of a neighbor
2. Inventory what we have to give
3. Ask God to give me awareness of others
4. Look for opportunities to touch others
5. Include family in the process