## The Art of Neighboring

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion Sunday, August 17, 2014

Tag You're It

Luke 10:25-37

God has tagged you to be his <u>channel</u> of mercy and grace to a hurting world.

Our temptation is to settle for a religion of isolation.

Those who are following God, loving God, and responding to God will respond by: <u>walking across the road when God prompts</u>.

What keeps you from walking across the road?

- 1. Fear & Prejudice
- 2. The Busyness Factor
- 3. We often feel powerless

## **Action Steps:**

- Will you embrace your role as a channel of God's mercy and grace?
- Will you walk across the road to meet physical and spiritual needs when God prompts?

## **Community Group Questions**

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Read the story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37 again. What is most surprising to you about this story?

2. How does a person know if they are living a 'religion of isolation' or not? Think about the company you keep....are there men and women that you do life with on a regular basis that are not currently following Christ? If not, how could you change that?

3. As you think about our "it-ness"...what is the one thing that keeps you from "walking across the road" on a consistent basis like the good Samaritan? What steps can you take to overcome those obstacles?

4. Our mission/responsibility as Christians is to be a channel of God's mercy and grace to the hurting world around us. What are two or three intentional steps you could take to begin engaging your spheres of influence?

5. See the Art of Neighboring Guide.

