Series: Love Where You Live

Sermon Notes & Group Discussion

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The Time Barrier

Luke 10:38-42

The biggest obstacle to us living out the Great Commandment is the <u>issue of time</u>.

3 Lies that we buy into:

- 1. Things will settle down someday...
- 2. More will be enough!
- 3. Everybody lives like this!

Hurry is toxic!

What is the main thing? What should be primary in our lives?

We must learn the art of elimination.

Community Group Questions

- 1. What was your big take-away from this week's reading and/or video? What stuck out to you? What did you like? What was difficult or confusing?
- 2. Read Luke 10:38-42.
 - Do you associate more with Martha or Mary? If you were going to defend Martha in that moment, what would you want to say?
 - Discuss the following myths and how you see them impact ing our culture (AON, pp. 45-46): "Things will settle down some day." "More will be enough." "Everybody lives like this."
 - With which of the three myths do you struggle the most? How does that reveal itself in your life?
- 3. Imagine yourself with the time to be a great neighbor. What are the things you would have to sacrifice to make that a reality? Why would it be worth it? What could change in your life or in your neighborhood?
- 4. On page 48 of The Art of Neighboring, Dave shares about the tension that he felt when making a decision about which sports league in which to enroll his son. As you consider the issue of margin in your own life, what could you say "no" to in order to spend more time in your neighborhood?

MOVE Forward

- 1. Block Map: Write the names of your neighbors by listing out the names of the adults and children of the 8 closest houses or apartment units next to you. Pay attention to the blank spaces. Take a second to identify each of the neighbors and decide if he or she is a stranger, acquaintance, or relationship. Go around and share how many neighbors you know by name and if you have made any progress since the last meeting.
- 2. Pray for a Neighbor: Identify one neighbor who you are going to pray for over the next week.
- 3. Next Step: Share one small "next step" that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days.

