



Neighborhood Group Notes, Week of 9.13.20 – What We Value

Welcome! Take a few minutes for everyone to share their name, and either a “peak” (high point) or a “puddle” (low point) from the last week.

Open in prayer.

Take a minute to silently read the “Our Neighborhood Group” statement on the back of this page. This is a description of what we are aiming for in this ministry. If you have questions about this statement, you can ask them now, or ask the leader(s) privately later.

Building friendships with each other includes sharing our “Jesus story,” the story of how we said “yes” to Him. This week, the leader(s) will share their Jesus story, and over the next weeks, everyone will have that opportunity. Consider taking 3-5 minutes to share your story along these lines:

- A snapshot of what life was like before you said “yes” to Jesus
- How you said “yes” to Jesus
- How Jesus has made a difference in your life since that time

If you have not yet said “yes” to Jesus, then you can share the story of how you became interested enough in Him to join this group.

Pray around what you have heard in each other’s stories, and for opportunities to share your stories with others who have not yet said “yes” to Jesus. Identify who will share their story next week.

Mark also talked about how what we value we find time for. When you think about how you invest your time, what would you say you value? What would the people around you say you value?

At Neighborhood Church we have values that guide our behavior.

The first value is worship – as a way of life.

Read Romans 12:1-2

- How would you define worship from these verses?
- What does worship look like beyond singing?

The second value is love - experience and express God’s love.

Read 1 John 4:16-21

- How is love for God and others connected?
- Share about a time when you experienced or expressed God’s love. How did that affect you or those around you?

The third value is prayer – for relationship with God and transformation of our world.

Read Matthew 6:9-13

- How does the Lord’s prayer provide a model for both relationship with God and transformation of our world?

The fourth value is humility with God and others.

Read Philippians 2:3-11

- In light of this passage, what attitude should we have with others? Give specific examples.

Pray for God to help us value what He values and live this out.

Our Neighborhood Group...

Welcome to our Neighborhood Group! Congratulations on your decision to grow deeper in your relationship with God through this study and the relationships in this group! As a member of this group, you are asked to agree with the other members to make this group a priority by making the following commitments:

- I will make this group a priority by attending each time, keeping up with assignments, and participating openly in group discussion.
- I understand that this group is a ministry of Neighborhood Church, and will be led according to the vision and mission of the church.
- I will strive to build authentic relationships with those in this group by showing care, providing encouragement and praying for their needs.
- I will explore honestly my next steps for spiritual growth.