



Neighborhood Group Notes, Week of 9.20.20 – What We Value

Welcome! Make sure everyone knows each other's name. Where are you currently finding joy in life?

Open in prayer.

Building friendships with each other includes sharing our "Jesus story," the story of how we said "yes" to Him. This week, 1-2 people will share their Jesus story, and over the next weeks, everyone will have that opportunity. Take 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. (After this week, your group will meet at least six more times, so think about how many people are sharing each week to give everyone an opportunity.)

At Neighborhood Church we have values that guide our behaviors both individually and collectively. Last week we discussed the four values of worship, love, prayer and humility. This week we will discuss four more.

The first value is generosity – give as we have received.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

- Besides material wealth, what are other ways that God has been generous to you?
- How have you seen a return on generosity?

The second value is diversity - celebrate and demonstrate diversity through what is good in culture.

Read Galatians 3:28

- Name some of the differences of the groups mentioned in this verse. In what ways would it be challenging to be united? In what ways does this bring out beauty?
- How does celebrating other people's cultures show value?

The third value is community – space for authentic and transparent relationships.

- Mark talked briefly about four areas of belonging: public, social, private and intimate. How would you define these four spaces and who are the people in these different spaces?
- How are you or how can you make space for authentic transparent relationships in your life?

The fourth value is creativity - in all we do.

Read John 1:1-3

- When you think about God as Creator, what comes to mind?
- How have you seen God's creativity expressed through you or through others?

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