Wont You Be a Neighbor?

Matthew 22:36-40 NLT

36 "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

37 Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment. **39** A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **40**The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

I am placed <u>where</u> I am and <u>when</u> I am for a <u>purpose</u>.

Acts 17:26 ESV 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.

II. The gospel is best <u>shared</u> and <u>received</u> in close <u>relationship</u>.

Luke 19:1-6 NLT 1 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3 He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."
6 Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.

III. Doing <u>nothing</u> is not an <u>option</u> for a Christ follower.

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT **18** Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. **19** Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1 John 4:7-8 NLT 7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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