



HOW TO NEIGHBOR #4 "Loving The Lonely"

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

1. Loneliness was not the plan

Loneliness is not God's *plan* for our lives

⁸The LORD God said, "It is *not good* for the man to be alone..."
Genesis 2:8

We were not *created* to be alone, it's not how we were *designed*.

2. Loneliness Lies & Cures

LIE #1: "Independence is strength. Vulnerability is weakness."

Cures: Let *someone* in.

Find a place to *serve*.

LIE #2: "No one will *understand*"

Cures: Put your *faith* in his *promises*.

LIE #3: "I have no one because I am no one"

"Loneliness is not a sign that something is wrong with you. It's a
signal that your design is working!"

Cures: Examine what might be promoting loneliness in your life

Be a friend.

3. Neighboring the Lonely

Take the first step.

Carry burdens.

Be the church.

"Our life is the final apologetic"

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Which of the three loneliness lies and cures resonated with you the most? Explain.
2. What is an intentional act that you can do this week to pray for or encourage one of your neighbors?
3. Is there a burden that you can alleviate for one of your neighbors this week?
4. Jon gave a broad ending on how the Bible calls us to live our lives as the church, how "our life is the final apologetic." What areas of your life would you like to grow in to be a better neighbor?
5. Take some time as a group to share prayer requests for those who are struggling with loneliness or for the people in each other's lives who are struggling with loneliness

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