

CrossRoads Baptist Church
December 10, 2006 10:00 am
Acts 1:8
Neighbor Series #9

“Loving My Neighbor...Across the Street”

This morning we come to the end of the series on “Who is my neighbor?” We look again at Acts 1:8. In this verse we have seen:

We reach out to our neighbor across racial lines.
We reach out to our neighbor across the world.
And now this morning, we reach out to our neighbor across the street – our Jerusalem.

This may be the hardest one in many respects.

I want to break this down in two arena:

1. How to reach our literal neighbor.

The people that literally lives right around us needs to hear the gospel. God has placed you there for a witness.

E.V. Hill had a plan of reaching South Central Los Angeles – the Watts area – by placing a member of his church in every city block so that lost people could not get away from them.

Concerning our neighbors, what can we do?

1. Learn the names of our neighbors and pray for them on a regular basis.
2. Prayer walk our neighbor (the physical exercise will do you good as well as the spiritual exercise) and call your neighbor’s name out in prayer.
3. Look for opportunities to minister in the name of Jesus.
4. Put up a yard sign indicating you love Jesus and CrossRoads Baptist Church.

2. How to reach our community neighbor.

But then we have a Jerusalem that is our responsibility to reach. How terrible that it would be if our community does not hear the gospel.

How can we do it?

I call this:

Reaching our Community as a church “God’s Mission, Our Mission”

Look at the example of Jesus.

Some say, going door to door won’t work today. They just haven’t tried it.

1. Develop teams of four: two speakers, one non-speaker, one prayer partner who would only pray and not physically go
2. Be assigned as area to first prayer walk and then begin visiting.
3. Go door-to-door to find “where God is working.” Leave a packet of materials at each home. When you find “God working,” then stay there until He finishes whether that takes one week or ten.
4. Seek to minister in each home.