**Small Group Discussion**

Evangelism – Week 3 – The Art of Neighboring

**Opening Questions**:

* Have you ever been helped by a “Good Samaritan?” Share the experience with the group.
* Share a time when you hosted people in your home.

**READ: Matthew 22:35-40**

***Jesus said that “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments;” the commandment to love God and to love your neighbor.***

Q: What do you understand Jesus’ words to mean?

Q: There are 613 mitzvot (commands) in the Hebrew scriptures. How might loving God and loving people relate to those commands?

**READ: Luke 10: 25-37.**

Q: After reading the passage, what about the story jumps out to you? Where are the “twists” in the story that you feel are most significant?

***In the passage, the “teacher of the Law” tries to “justify himself.” He was trying to “limit the command, by limiting its parameters.”***

Q: What do you think of this idea? Is that a helpful way to think of “justifying himself” to you?

Q: Where have you seen that tendency in your life? In the lives of others?

Q: What do you think of the statement: “Anytime you are feeling defensive, you are most likely trying to justify yourself.” Do you think that is true? Why or why not?

*In this series we’re talking about what it means to do evangelism. How does this story, or the general topic of being a neighbor, help you understand evangelism better?*

*What is one way you can use hospitality or sharing with others to help them connect with God?*

**Any other thoughts from this passage or discussion?**