

The Fear Factor
Sermon 3
OUTLINE

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**Intro:**

How are you doing with your block map magnet? Have you learned any new pieces of information since last week?

We have set the bar really low and if you can just step over it and keep learning about your neighbors you will be ushered into a new way of living

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Development of Neighboring:

The block map magnet is the first tool to help you move from stranger to acquaintance. Block parties are the next step in getting you from acquaintance to relationship.

What if Christians were a part of the best neighborhood parties? When we look at Jesus' time in the New Testament we see Him at all the best parties.

If we are going to be serious about following Jesus then we should ask this question, When is the last time you made religious people uncomfortable by the people you hang out with?

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**Biblical Text:**

Luke 7:37-50

Jesus asks Simon, "Simon do you *see* this woman?"

Do we really see what is going on around us? Are we present to the sacred moments that are available around us in our very own neighborhoods?

We have a filter like Simon where we fail to see what is really going on with the people right before us

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Application:

We close the door on people because of fear

The media subconsciously makes us scared and causes us to assume and believe the worst about people.

We look at our neighborhoods and it is scary because they are always there. We can go down and serve soup to the homeless and then come back to the safety of our homes...but with neighboring they are always there.

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**Closing:**

Do you live at a pace that is interruptible so there is time for those divine moments with your neighbors?

If you follow this great commandment of loving your neighbors it will change your neighborhoods but it will also change YOU