



**DATE** November 18, 2018

**SPEAKER** Rick Rusaw

**TITLE** What Did the Good Neighbor Do?

**SERIES** Jesus said to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Doing so can bring more clarity, joy and satisfaction to your life than anything you’ve done before. This Sunday, we’ll explore what it looks like to truly love our neighbors.

Instead of wrestling with strangers over the last popular gadget on the shelf this holiday season, why not trade the over-caffeinated irritation for a change of pace: try impacting your local community with love, using the Good Samaritan as a model.

1. Jesus’ commands in Luke 10:27-28 – to love God fully and to love your neighbor – goes against the motto: “Safety first.” Why is it so hard but necessary to take risks in relationships and in life?
2. Rick talks about loving Oreos more than God at times. What’s your bag of Oreos? Why do you think all Christians struggle with this, even though we call God our Father?
3. With Dayton being at the I70/I75 corridor, our city is experiencing a growing crisis of human and drug trafficking in addition to many other areas of need. Do you think people in Dayton’s communities are insulated from these issues? How could we “see” the need better?
4. Like the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:34), we can get our hands dirty and be inconvenienced when answering the call to our neighbors’ needs. What are some organizations in the area who are doing this already? Are their local individuals who model this lifestyle? What are legitimate obstacles or fears that prevent us from getting involved? Are there ways to work around these obstacles?
5. We also see in Jesus’ teaching that the Samaritan befriended the beaten man. When taking this approach, how does getting involved with someone messy change our lives for the better? How could this aspect of service potentially be the most important thing we do? What other examples in *The Bible* show unlikely friendships that transform lives?
6. Many Christians give money but don’t get involved beyond the donation. Does being a good neighbor require us to give money? Why is it important to give time and energy, not just money and how can this also transform our hearts? How does Matthew 6:19-21 explain this idea?

This week, consider asking God to reveal the neighbor in your life who needs you to get involved.