

SMALL GROUPS

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Sunday 6:30 p.m.

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Contact: [Dave Minard](#)
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Thursday 1:00 p.m.

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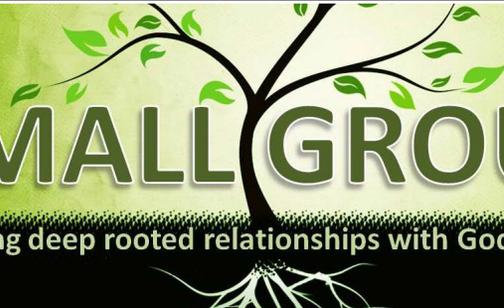
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- I. Last week we looked at the two greatest commandments and the story of the Good Samaritan. Today, let's look at the topic of neighborhoods and being available for our local neighbors. Read [Acts 17:22-31](#). Paul preaches the gospel to the "Philosophical Society of Athens". What impresses you about his approach and his message? What does it mean "In him we live and move and have our being"? If this is true for all people, what ought our response to God be?
- II. Reread verse 26. Has God actually marked out your and my "times and boundaries" (geographic living places and lifespans)? Explain your answer. What implications does this have for us and the Neighborhood Initiative in Branch County? How might this relate to Jesus' mandate in [Matthew 5:14-16](#)? Be specific.
- III. Likely you and I admit that God wants to use us as his representatives in our neighborhoods and community. At the same time, we tend to be busy doing so many other things. Our intentions are good, but our time and energy is limited. How do we reconcile this dilemma?
- IV. Read [Luke 10:38-42](#). Who do you better identify with, Mary or Martha? What are the typical (and often important) "distractions" that keep us from focused time with the Lord? Notice Mary made a choice, and was affirmed for her decision. In what sense can we choose our priorities, and in what sense are we stuck living out the priorities of others? Be specific.
- V. According to Jesus in [Matthew 22:39](#), how high of a priority is loving my neighbors? What if I don't have time to befriend people who live around me? Take a few minutes to suggest ways that we, as Christians, could adjust our schedules and lifestyles to better let our lights shine in our community. How might the Block Map help me to get started?

Close your group by asking God to show each member just what he or she can do to better serve him in our community. Be ready to make adjustments as God answers your prayer!



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