



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Won't You Be My Neighbor*
Message: *Overcoming the Fear of Neighboring*

Scripture: various

Date: November 24 & 25, 2018

—[LET'S START]—

Share about a situation in your youth where fear blocked your way or limited your options.

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Pastor Brian read from Numbers 13 regarding the Children of Israel wandering in the wilderness. Even though God said he was giving the land of Canaan to His people, the spies came back fearful of the giants they saw. What were the consequences of letting fear win? Fear is one of the enemy's most powerful weapons, however, you and I have the potential of being one of God's most powerful tools. Share a circumstance where you were able to move around, through or beyond fear with God's help.
2. What are some of the common situations and fears that keep people from connecting with their neighbors? What can a person do to get past those fears and love their neighbors as themselves?
3. In the Numbers 13 we learned that the Israelites were scared of the giants in Canaan. In Joshua 2:9-11 we learn that the Canaanites were terrified of the Israelites. Fear had distorted the Israelites' perspective. What strategies can we use to keep fear from distorting our perspective?
4. Spending time with your neighbor is one way to love them. Brainstorm some possible ways to get together with your neighbors.

—[**LET'S ACT**]—

Last week we were encouraged to 1) pray for the opportunity to get to know our neighbor, 2) Look for ways to serve them, and 3) share your testimony when God give you the opportunity. Have you taken that first step? Second step?

B.L.E.S.S. your neighbors:

Begin with prayer

Listen more than you talk

Eat a meal or have a cup of coffee

Serve your neighbors

Share your story

—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- Matthew 22 — The Great Commandment
- Fear is one of the enemy's most powerful weapons.
- Number 13 — Wandering in the wilderness. The spies came back from Canaan fearful of the giants even though God had said he was giving the land to them.
- Fear can keep us from doing what God has laid out for us to do.
- Fear distorts our perspective.
- We do not need to fear when we encounter other people.
- We need to be prepared to share the reason for the hope that we have.
- God has given us everything we need to be a good neighbor.
- Make it personal. It is a wonderful season for a Christmas Block Party or a cookie baking/football watching gathering. Spending time with your neighbors is one way to love them.

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