

GoDeeper



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

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Dr. Del Tackett is our Tour Guide through The Engagement Project. This Go Deeper is a Study Guide of key points and questions from Tour Five. This includes both thoughts and questions presented by Dr. Del Tackett, as well as additional questions to go along with this Tour. The verses throughout the Study Guide are from Tour Five to be used for group/family discussion and to have them easily accessible for continued study, reminders and producing fruit of your own.

The Vision: Engaging With Grace

Acts 17:26, Acts 9:11

If God plants nations...don't you think He could plant your neighbor? Maybe you live where you do because your neighbor needs to love God. In Tour Four we learned to "love your neighbor" is to have a "steadfast sacrificial zeal that seeks the true good of the one who providentially lives near you".

- Have you ever had a neighbor that was difficult to live near; difficult to love?
 - What did you do?
- Why do you think you live where you do? (What could be the reason you are planted where you are?)

Dr. Del Tackett shares that he believes "The Vision" of God is "Christian families committed to the shalom of their neighbors. We will build real relationships with those providentially in our Jerusalem, through prayer and action, with grace and wisdom and truth, being attractively winsome, tearing down walls, building up trust, and doing the work of the Kingdom."

Nothing will happen if we don't make a commitment to The Lord that this is what we are going to do as a family. So, we need to engage with our neighbors. We need to start building real relationships with those providentially in our Jerusalem. What does this look like? **John 13:34**

What does a significant relationship look like?

Not Shallow, Friendship, Communicating, Eating Together, Doing Projects Together (Trust, Time, Authentic)

- Do you have friendships with your neighbors?
 - What kind of things do you do together?
- What about your friendships at church; what do those look like?
 - What do you do together?

What does it take to build a significant relationship?

Time, Effort, Sacrifice, Overcoming Walls

- Give an example of a relationship with a neighbor, that you gave time, effort, sacrifice and/or overcame walls?

Dr. Del Tackett said "It is highly probable that the only real relationship your neighbor will ever have with a Christian --is with you."

- How does that make you feel?
 - Are there past neighbors you wish you had reached out to?
- Is there a current neighbor that came to your mind during this Tour?
 - If so, share about that neighbor/situation?
- What will you change to better reach your neighbors?

Through Prayer and Action

Pray as a family for opportunities.

Learn their names.

Plan loving deeds and acts of kindness.

Practice hospitality; have fun together.

- What do each of these look like?
- Have you done any of these with your neighbors?
 - If yes, which ones have you done?
- What did you do? What was the result?
- What area(s) do you need to work on?

With Grace, Wisdom and Truth

Colossians 4:5-6

1 Peter 3:15

2 Timothy 2:24-26

What would make a neighbor Attractively Winsome?

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control --The Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

What if the “Fruit” of the Holy Spirit was not intended primarily for you?

God has equipped us with the Spirit of God to be attractively winsome so that we might engage and build a significant relationship with our neighbor to fulfill the Royal Law.

- What do you think about this statement/question from Dr. Del Tackett?

The Holy Spirit also makes us a people of hope.

Romans 15:13

Galatians 5:5

Colossians 1:23

Colossians 2:27

1 Thessalonians 5:8

Titus 3:7

1 Peter 1:3

1 Peter 3:15

- Has anyone ever thought you were different and asked you about it?
 - If so, what was your response?
- Have you ever been asked where your hope comes from?
 - If yes, what was your response?

Dr. Del Tackett says why would a neighbor ask? If there is no relationship there, or the relationship is not deep enough, how would someone see something different in you? How would they be comfortable asking you? Sometimes Christians are seen as “doom and gloom”. No one wants to be around someone who is “doom and gloom” that is why it is important to be people of hope.

Tear Down Walls and Build Up Trust

- How can we build up trust with neighbors and tear down walls? Share some examples with your group.
- Share about a time you worked to tear down walls and build up trust with a neighbor (vice versa).

If we commit to this and pray, asking God for what He wants...He will amaze you!

Is there a neighbor in particular you will ask God to give you an opportunity with? (Aside from asking God to give opportunity with all your neighbors)

Have you thought about opening your home to a Small Group? Why or why not?

What stops you from opening your home to a group? (Past or Present)

- What are some reasons you have not attended one in the past (or present)?

If you did open your home-- what happened?

- Did/do your neighbors see and know about your Small Group?
 - Have you invited your neighbors (any of them) to join?
- What is your next step to engaging with your neighbors?