

## **Video - This We Pray (skitguys)**

### **The Church Refocused on Mission Like A Good Neighbor**

**Mission - a strongly felt aim, ambition, or calling**

#### **We Need to Refocus Our Thinking to Line Up With Christ Jesus the Head of the Church**

- The Way We See Others - Matthew 9: 36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- In Our Mission -- Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
- In The Way We Serve Others

**Discussion Question 1 - What is the main characteristic we are to display that identifies us as followers of Christ?**

#### **Command to Love As He Loved**

##### **John 13:33a-35**

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer... “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

#### **The Call to Love God and Your Neighbor**

##### **Matthew 22:37-39**

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

## **Desire to Share Good News with Friends and Neighbors**

### **Luke 15:4-9**

**Example #1** - "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'

**Example #2** - "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'

### **Example #3 - Cornelius Acts 10:1-2, 24-27**

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly...

The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

## **Jesus Example of Serving Our Friends and Neighbors**

### **John 13:3-5**

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began

to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

### **Call to Follow His Example**

#### **John 13:12-17**

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

### **Living for the Good of Our Neighbors**

#### **Romans 15:1-3**

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

### **Endurance and Encouragement**

#### **Romans 15:4-7**

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of

our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ  
accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.