Message Notes

Grow Group Discussion Guide (October 6-12, 2019)

Scripture Readings: John 3:16-17; Mark 12:28-31 Message: "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

Getting Started

1. Did you ever watch Mr. Rogers as a child, or with your children or grandchildren? What do you remember most about him/the show?

Growing Deeper

- 2. What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? Give tangible examples of what this looks like.
- 3. What is the connection between loving God and loving your neighbor? Is it possible to love God without loving your neighbor? Explain.
- 4. When God considers the state of our world, with all its incivility and division, what do you think He sees and feels? And how does he respond? Considering John 3:16, how might God be encouraging and challenging us to see the world, and respond in our neighbourhoods?

Going Home

- 5. How are you similar and how are you different than Mr. Rogers? Do you have a "Mr. Rogers" in your neighbourhood? What is getting in your way of you being more that person?
- 6. How would Lincoln be impacted if every Christ-follower intentionally opened their lives to their neighbours, handing out love, compassion, kindness, empathy, respect and dignity to all those around them (and especially those who are different from them)?
- 7. This week's message challenged us to respond to the divisive and uncivil spirit of our world by "gospel neighboring" wherever God has us. Think of one concrete "gospel neighboring" act or attitude and intentionally live it out this week in your neighborhood. Tell your group about it next week!