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Message: "Loving the Person Next Door"

1. Tell of a time you experienced tangible love from a neighbour.

2. Pastor Andy Stanley says, "Your neighbor is anyone, anywhere, with a need that you can meet." Describe a neighbour's need(s)? If you don't know specifically, what are their potential needs?
3. What has been your biggest barrier to loving your neighbours? (Time? Energy? Fear? Dislike? Discomfort? Entitlement?)
4. If you were your neighbour's only exposure to a Christian or Christianity, what would they think it means to love and follow Jesus?
5. Jay Pathak writes, "We don't love our neighbours to convert them; we love our neighbours because we are converted." Discuss the tension in this statement.
6. One author said "Loving people means caring without an agenda. As soon as we have an agenda, it's not love anymore." How does this sit with you?

7. This week in the service, we wrote down the names of the literal neighbors around us and prayed for the hurts in their lives. Describe your experience of this exercise. Easy? Hard?
8. Author John Ortberg writes, “Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don’t have.” Reflection: Do you have time to be present in your neighbourhood.
9. Mother Teresa said “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” Think of one small thing you can do this week to tangibly show love to your neighbour.