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Message: "Loving Your Difficult Neighbour"

1. Tell of a time when it wasn't a beautiful day in your neighbourhood. What went wrong? Did the matter get resolved? If so, how?

2. Conflict is an inevitable part of life. How might God use conflict for good?
3. It has been said that conflict reveals our hearts, what do you think this means? What implications does this have for spiritual maturity?
4. God's response to our offence toward Him is radical love—He holds nothing back in bridging the gap between us and Him. What does it mean for us to imitate His love as we interact with the difficult people in our lives?
5. How might unresolved conflict erode relationship and connection in our communities? How can we work against this?
6. James 3:18 says, "Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness." Practically speaking, what does it look like for you to be a peacemaker in your neighbourhood, family and workplaces?

7. If you are currently experiencing conflict with a neighbour, what practical ways could you show Christ's love to them? Consider trying the "30-day Kindness Challenge" that Shaunti Feldhahn describes in this week's podcast.
8. The Church can be a great practice and training ground for growing in conflict resolution! Read James 3:12-18 and John 17:20-23. Do you think that the Body of Christ needs a renewed call to valuing relationships and working through conflict in a biblically-faithful matter? Pray about how you can take part in this.