

An aerial photograph of a town, likely in the Northeastern United States, during the autumn season. The town is densely packed with buildings, many of which are multi-story structures. The surrounding area is covered in trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the background, a large body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, is visible, surrounded by more trees and hills. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds. The text "LOVE *they* NEIGHBOR" is overlaid on the image in a large, white, sans-serif font, with the word "they" in a smaller, black, cursive font.

LOVE *they* NEIGHBOR

A 3-PART SERIES

*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 (equal to it):*

*‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’*

*All the Law and the Prophets hang*

*on these two commandments.”*

Matthew 22: 37-40 NIV

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NEIGHBOR

# Horizontal Faith

LOVE *thy*  
NEIGHBOR

*“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge  
against anyone  
among **your people**,  
but  
**love your neighbor**  
as yourself.”*

Leviticus 19: 18 NIV

**LOVE** *thy*  
**NEIGHBOR**

Who is my neighbor?

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NEIGHBOR

Which of these **three**?

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NEIGHBOR

*Everyone is someone  
Jesus died for!*

LOVE thy  
NEIGHBOR

## Two Things to Transform Our Neighboring:

1. Embrace a “new mindset” (Romans 12:2).
2. To “Go-and-Do” three critical things:
  - Stop & Notice the Need
  - Break through the Barrier
  - Pay the Price for Healing

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NEIGHBOR



1<sup>st</sup> - Examine our Hearts

&

2<sup>nd</sup> - Have a Conversation

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NEIGHBOR

An aerial photograph of a town with autumn foliage and a lake in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

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NEIGHBOR

BREAKING BARRIERS

*Injustice anywhere  
is a threat to justice everywhere.  
We are caught in  
an inescapable network of mutuality,  
tied in a single garment of destiny.  
Whatever affects one directly,  
affects all indirectly.*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

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## THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK :

1. Tell us your **story** and how that story relates to the word **racism**?

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## THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK :

2. What **progress** have we made, in this country and what do we still need to **stop** and **notice**?

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*But now **in Christ Jesus you** (Jews & Gentiles)  
who once were **far** away have been  
brought **near** by the **blood** of Christ.  
For he (**Jesus**) himself is **our peace**,  
who has made the **two** groups **one**  
and has destroyed (**broken**) the **barrier**,  
the dividing **wall** of **hostility** (prejudice), ...*

Ephesians 2: 13-14 NIV

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*His purpose was to **create**  
**one** new humanity (**man**) out of the **two**,  
thus making **peace**, and in one body  
to **reconcile both** of them to **God**  
through the cross.  
by which he put to **death**  
their **hostility** (hatred).*

Ephesians 3: 15a-16 NIV

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*Consequently (as a result of Jesus),  
you are no longer **foreigners** and **strangers**,  
but **fellow citizens** with God's people  
and also **members** of his **household**,  
built on the foundation  
of the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ **Jesus** himself as the **cornerstone**.  
**In him** the whole building is **joined** together*

Ephesians 2: 19-20 NIV

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**NEIGHBOR**



## THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK :

3. What **barriers** remain and what do you see as the **price to pay** for **reconciliation** and **healing**?

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