

## Session 2—The Art of Neighboring and the Nations Nearby

### 1. Loving Our Neighbor

*And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31.*

*“After the mayor left the meeting that day, our group of pastors was left to reflect on what he had shared. I (Jay) can remember sitting there, and before I could think, I just blurted out, “Am I the only one here who is a little bit embarrassed? I mean, here we were asking the mayor how we can best serve the city, and he basically tells us that it would be great if we could just get our people to obey the second half of the Great Commandment.” In a word, the mayor invited a roomful of pastors to get their people to actually obey Jesus.”*

Jay Pathak, *The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door*

### 2. The Nations Nearby

*<sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20.*

*“Sometimes it takes more guts to walk across the street than to travel around the world. Relationships are risky, yes. But withdrawing from them in favor of our comfort is cowardice.”*

Brant Hansen, *The Men We Need*

## The Art of Neighboring Exercise

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A Kingdom Posture.

