Central City Church

Small Groups Discussion Guide

1. Did you have a big take away from this week’s sermon? What stuck out to

you? What did you like? What was difficult or confusing?

2. Read Luke 5:27-32

Are you uncomfortable about spending time with anyone on your block? Anyone you would feel strange being seen with? Why? We all battle hidden judgements and fears. Sometimes we are aware of the way we are seeing others and sometimes we are really just afraid of how others will see us. We all have certain types of people that we are tempted to judge.

3. What’s the worse case scenario if you engaged your neighbors? Does knowing them

increase the likelihood of your worst case scenario? We are all afraid that the horrible stuff that

we see on the news is living around us. It’s easier to hide and hope it will go away. The irony is

that this isolation ends up making us more suspicious and fearful. If these kinds of people are

living around us it would be WAY better to know that. And usually we realize that they aren’t who we were afraid that they are.

4. What kinds of assets, ordinary things, do you have that you would be willing to use to get to know your neighbors? Levi used his home and dinner table, what could you use?

5. Is there anything holding you back from engaging your neighbors, or any neighbors in particular? Sometimes we feel like we have to have everything figured out and perfect before we can start the work. But remember, no superheroes necessary. We can all take one step in the direction of loving our neighbors.

6. Share one small “next step” that you feel God is calling you to take in the next 7 days.

Options they might choose:

~Learn a specific neighbor's name

~Invite a couple over for dinner

~Ask a neighbor for advice on how to take care of your lawn because theirs is nicer

~Have everyone share that step out loud and write them down so that everyone can be

praying throughout the week.