



Population 1940 -- 13,337 Today 24,932

Legal decisions in our society have changed how people are viewed concerning race, family construction, social status, and gender

The church is not immune to these changes





He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 10:27



A Simple Command

Romans 13:10 -- Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Galatians 5:14 -- For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:8 -- If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.





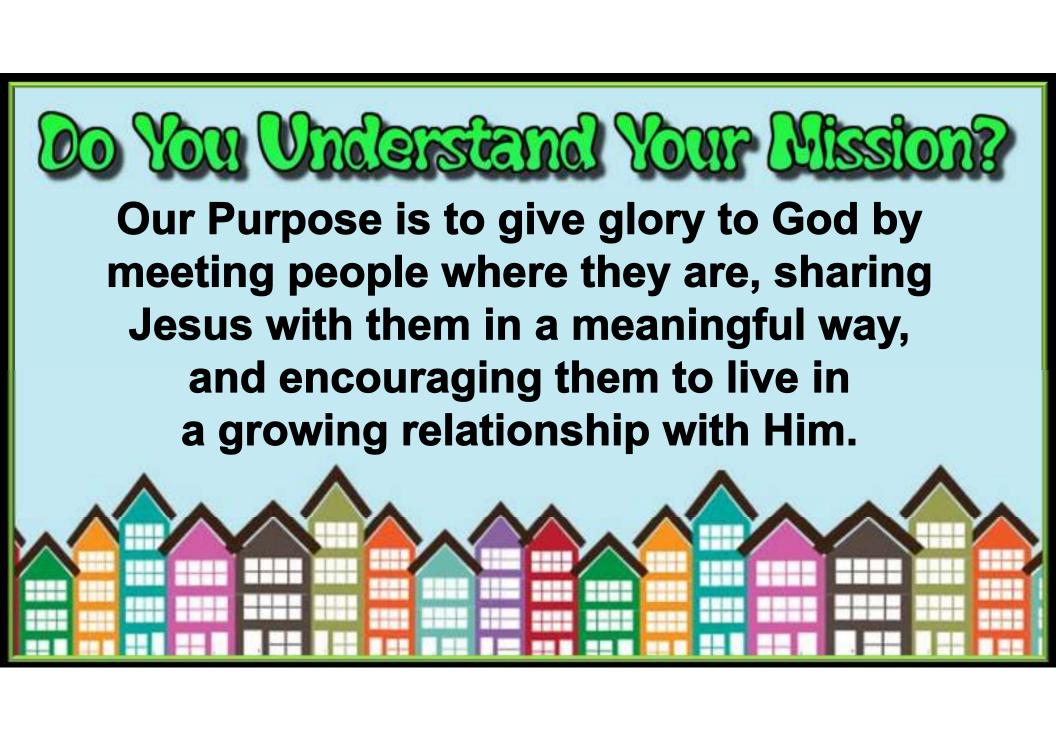
But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

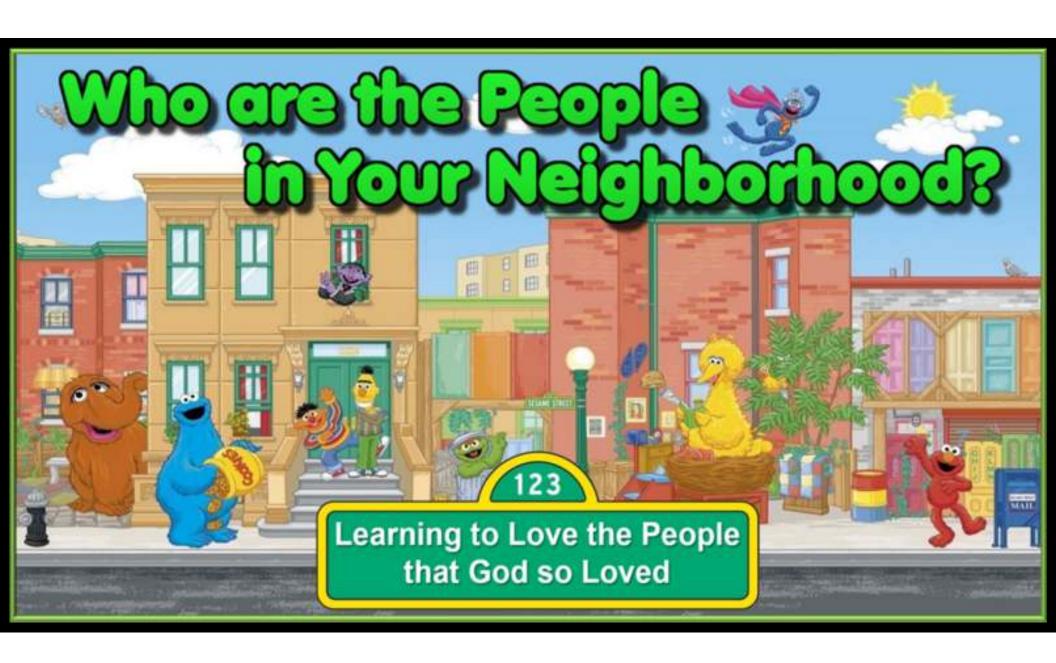
Luke 10:29

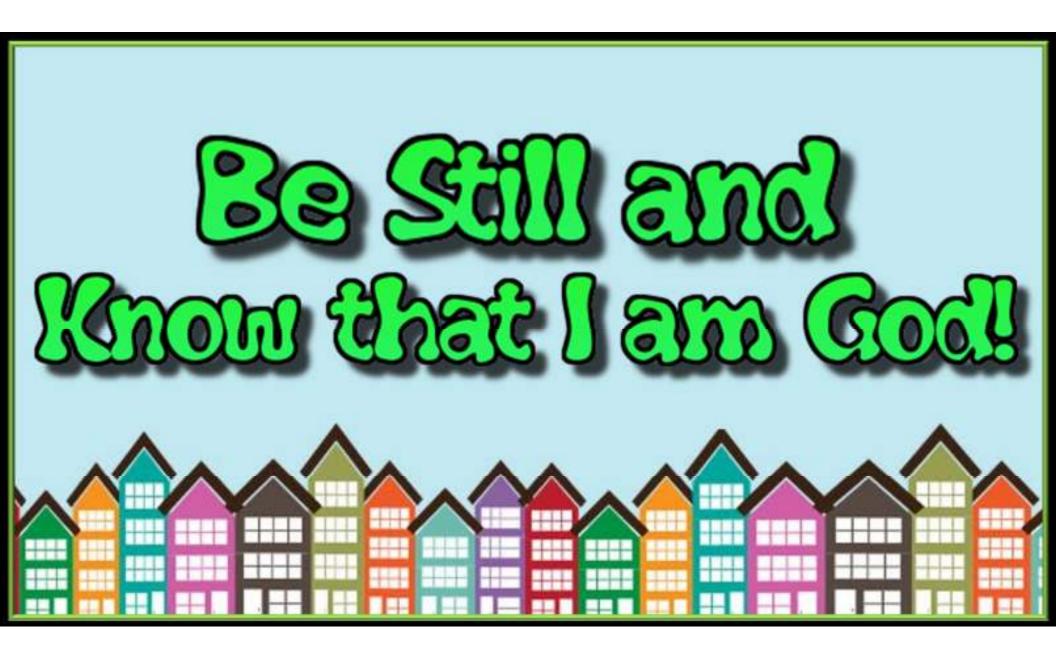
Defined: One living or located near another



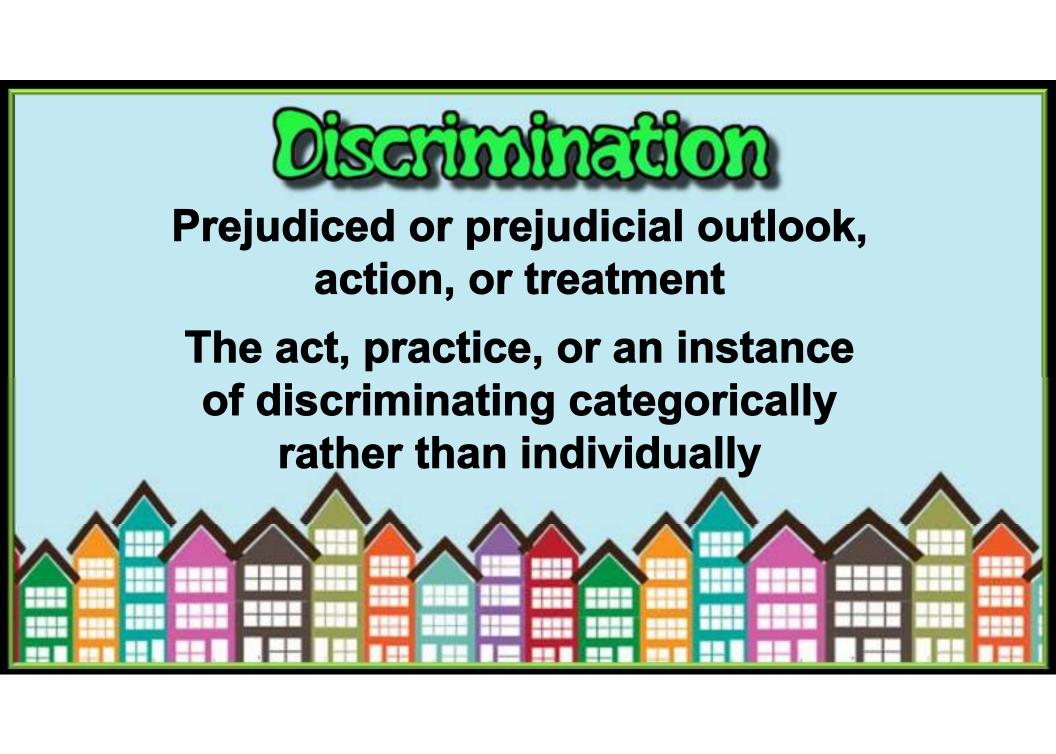














Fact 1: We ALL have people in our neighborhood that we avoid or seek to have less interaction simply due to appearance

Fact 2: If you spend all your time trying to avoid them then there is no way to love them

Fact 3: You can't actually claim you are following Christ since Jesus had this crazy notion that we are supposed to love them





Loving people that appear different from me is not optional

If you call yourself a Christian you are obligated by the one you call Lord and Savior



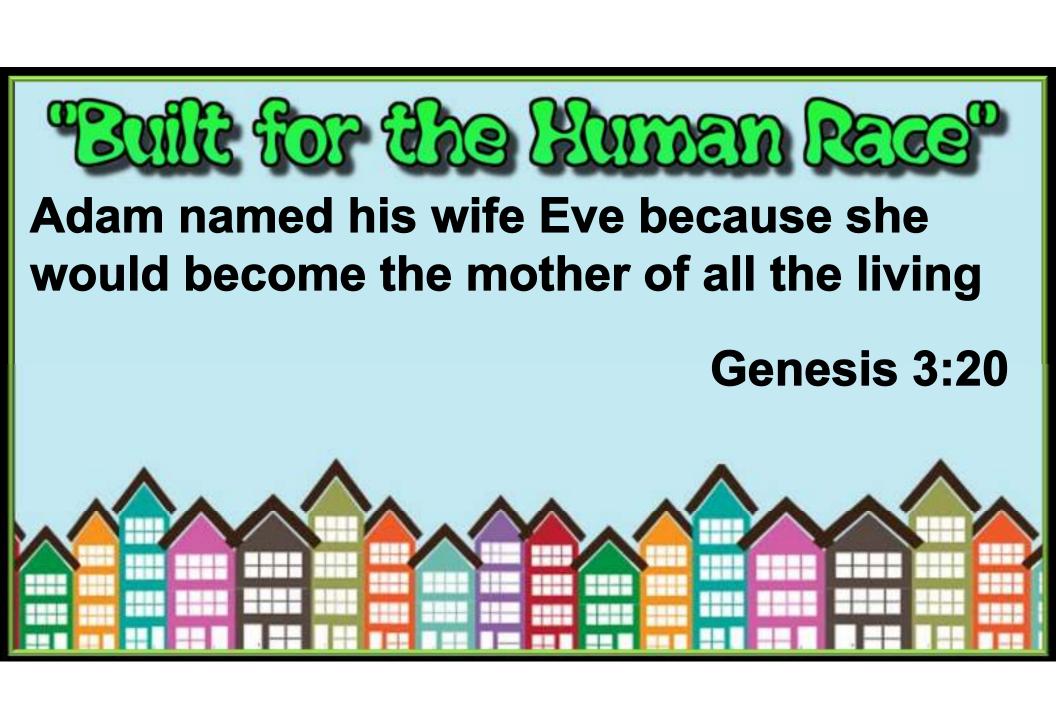




Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 2:26









Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all people, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12



