



GOOD NEIGHBORS—PART 4

SEEK WELLBEING

THE GOSPEL IS ENGAGE, NOT ESCAPE

JEREMIAH 29:4-7

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

1. God carried them into exile.
2. They’re going to be in Babylon for awhile.
3. God loves His people and wants a good life for them.
4. Being good neighbors—caring about and investing in their city—is a way for everyone to experience God’s blessing.

MATTHEW 6:9-10

“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Christianity isn’t about escaping the earth.

It’s about transforming the earth and working with God to bring healing and restoration so it can be the place of fellowship and harmony and intimacy with God that it was before the Fall of man.

SEEK THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF OUR CITY

1 JOHN 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Good Neighbors love individuals

ISAIAH 1:17

Learn to do right; seek justice.

Defend the oppressed

Take up the cause of the fatherless;

plead the case of the widow.

Good Neighbors seek justice for all

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but **fellow citizens** with God’s people and also members of his household,

²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² **And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

Good Neighbors BE the church