



GOOD NEIGHBORS—PART 5

BUILD BRIDGES

CALLED TO WORK UNEXPECTED FIELDS

JOHN 4:27-35

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, **“I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”**

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have

brought him food?”

³⁴ **“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.**

³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? **I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”**

Good Neighbors reach across dividing lines to love and serve others.

BUILDING BRIDGES OR WALLS?

EPHESIANS 2:11-14

Formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were **separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise**, without hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and **has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.**

REVELATION 7:9

I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, **from every nation, tribe, people and language**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Jesus breaks down barriers and destroys the dividing walls between people.

BECOME A BRIDGE BUILDER

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-7

Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, **he made himself nothing**

by taking the very nature of a servant

Remember who YOU are: We are servants of the Servant King.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16

So from now on **we regard no one from a worldly point of view.** Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Remember who THEY are: An image-bearer of God; Someone dearly loved by God; A person for whom Jesus died; A precious eternal soul; A fellow human being; A son, a daughter; A person with hopes, fears, cares, needs, and dreams; A lost sinner who needs a Savior