

# WELCOME to the NEIGHBORHOOD

THE GOOD SAMARITAN



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## “THE PRETENDERS”

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## IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### THERE ARE THOSE WHO PRETEND TO BE GOOD

#### The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

#### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Share a “fancy job title” that you have had ...OR have everyone make up their own using the lists on pg. 5 of this PGDG!

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- As we consider the third “neighbor” in our series, take a few minutes to read & explain each of these, then answer the questions:
  - *Pretenders Have Authority to Do Something* **Luke 10:31a & 32a**
    - Titles give authority, but what other types of authority are there?
  - *Pretenders Are Aware of The Problem* **Luke 10:31b & 32b**
    - Why is this a key part of being a Pretender? [seeing, yet ignore]
  - *Pretenders Will Avoid when No One Knows* **Luke 10:31c & 32c**
    - What do you think would happen if someone saw or found out?
- Have you met Pretenders in your life? Without names, describe them.
- When have you been a Pretender? Share your story.
- To stop pretending, we need to be honest with *ourselves*. Read and answer these and then share examples of what each looks like today  
*Who Are You/What Do You Do...*
  - *...when Everyone's Looking?* **Matthew 23:25-28**
    - According to Jesus, what was the goal of the Pharisees?
  - *...when "The Usual" Are Looking?* **Titus 2:7-8**
    - Who are “The Usual”? Why is this so important (good or bad)?
  - *...when No One's Looking?* **1 Peter 3:15-16; Mark 7:14-23**
    - What is Jesus MOST concerned about with His followers?
- Can you be honest...which of these is your biggest struggle? Why?
- Each week, we're going to ask the question: “Which Neighbor Are You?”. So far we've looked at *The Excuser*, *The Broken*, and now *The Pretenders*. Which one (or parts of each) is most where you are right now? How can we pray for you?

## The References

### Main Passage: Luke 10:25-32 (NIV)

...In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side...."

### Matthew 23:25-28 (NIV) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

..."Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

### Titus 2:7-8 (NIV)

In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

### 1 Peter 2:15-16 (NIV)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

### Mark 7:1-23 (NLT) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."



# Fancy Job Title Generator

(choose one from each column)

Position	Task	Role
Lead	Solutions	Supervisor
Senior	Program	Associate
Direct	Brand	Executive
Corporate	Security	Liaison
Dynamic	Research	Officer
Future	Marketing	Manager
Product	Directives	Engineer
National	Implementation	Specialist
Regional	Integration	Director
District	Functionality	Coordinator
Central	Response	Administrator
Global	Paradigm	Architect
Customer	Tactics	Analyst
Investor	Identity	Designer
Dynamic	Markets	Planner
International	Group	Orchestrator
Legacy	Division	Technician
Forward	Applications	Developer
Internal	Optimization	Producer
Human	Operations	Consultant
Chief	Infrastructure	Assistant
Principal	Intranet	Facilitator
	Communications	Agent
	Web	Representative
	Branding	Strategist
	Quality	
	Assurance	
	Mobility	
	Accounts	
	Data	
	Creative	
	Configuration	
	Accountability	
	Interactions	
	Factors	
	Usability	
	Metrics	