



HOLD *the* LINE

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INTRODUCTION

We are finishing our *Hold the Line* series with an interview with Neil Peterson, a professor at Iowa Central Community College and Fort Dodge Campus attendee. Pastor Chip explains that, like Neil, we need to “hold the line” by being willing to invest and invite in our Little Iowa. We simply have to love our neighbors as God commands us to. Be the Good Samaritan in your neighborhood!

DISCUSSION

1. Describe your neighborhood to the best of your ability mentioning neighbors by name. What do you know about them? What experiences have you had with them?
2. Are there neighbors you don't know by name or with whom you've had no contact? What are the barriers?
3. What does it look like for you to “check your heart”?
4. What regular activities can you use to be invitational with your neighbors?

DO SOMETHING

1. Pray for your neighborhood, paying special attention to anyone whom God specifically brings to mind. Look for open doors to invest in them, possibly using one of the activities you listed in Question #4.
2. No one wants to be a “project”! This week in your quiet time with God, **read Mark 12:28-34** and use it as a heart check before engaging with your neighbors.
3. Pray over your neighbors using Pastor Chip's prayer: “Lord, please make an opportunity for me to make a connection with _____.” Then, be intentional about putting yourself in a position that will open doors.

RESOURCES

1. [Get Out of Your Head](#) is a book by Jennie Allen, founder of the women's IF gatherings, explaining how we can stop the spiral of toxic thoughts that keep us from God's calling on our lives.
2. [The Art of Neighboring](#) by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon
3. The [four-week companion video series](#) for *The Art of Neighboring* is available on [RightNow Media](#).