



Bless Every Home
Jeremiah 29:4-7



How Americans view our neighbors:

- 1 out of 3 Americans never socializes with their neighbors
- 1 out of 2 Americans says they do not trust their neighbors
- 1 out of 5 Americans spend time regularly with neighbors

Matthew 22:37–39 (NIV)

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NIV)

This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 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. 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."

4 Ways Churches Relate to Their Communities:

- Indifference
- Hostility

Jonah 3:10-4:1 (HCSB)

Then God saw their actions--that they had turned from their evil ways--so God relented from the disaster He had threatened to do to them. And He did not do it. But Jonah was greatly displeased and became furious.

- Imitation
- Transformation

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B - Begin with prayer

L - Listen

E - Engage

S - Serve

S - Share