



# NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

## Week1

### BREAKING THE ICE

-If you could choose the weather to be only one of the four seasons all year round, which would you choose?

-Share one highlight from this past week!

### MAIN CONTENT

Read Mark 11:15-17 as a group.

Pastor Kevin mentioned that many of the foreigners who were coming to Jerusalem to make sacrifices were the ones who were taken advantage of when purchasing animals to make sacrifices. Now read 1 Kings 8:41-43.

1. How does this verse contrast with what was actually happening in Mark 11:15-17?
2. What do these verses reveal about how God wants us to treat those different from us?
3. Have you ever been a “foreigner” or someone who has felt out of place? Maybe it was a new school, moving to a different city, a career/job change, etc... How did you feel? How were you hoping people would treat you?
4. Have you ever had someone welcome you and “see you”, making you feel accepted and known? Share about that experience.

One quote mentioned in the message comes from George Bernard Shaw. He says “The worst sin toward someone is not to hate them but to be indifferent to them: that’s the essence of inhumanity.”

5. In light of this quote, how does this challenge how we should treat all people, specifically those who may seem different than us?

6. Do you have many conversations with or come in contact with those who are different from you? What might need to happen to change this?

Pastor Kevin gives a couple of examples to take action to accept people: 1) See people. 2) Smile often. 3) Remember names. 4) Ask Questions. 5) Live generously.

7. Which of these five examples do you think you do well in, and what is one area you would like to improve?

## CLOSING PRAYER

God, we thank you that you are a God who welcomes all people. We thank you that we get to be included and invited into a relationship with you, and we ask that you help us have that same care and heart for others. Sometimes, we struggle to accept those who are different than us, and we can often overlook people, as well. Allow us to slow down to truly see people as you see them. We cannot do this alone, and we need you to help repair our attitudes or indifference toward others. Help us move toward others to show them love. As we move toward other people, would you continue to move toward us and increase our relationship with You? In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

-Choose one of the five action steps to accept people and make a note to work on that this week.

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