Read the Scriptures and share around the circle the revelations God has given and how they are adjusting your life. As you answer the questions and describe your process, be as practical and down-to-earth as possible. Discuss the insights you are gaining and how you are applying them in your life; describe what is working and what remains a challenge.


- We were created to express the nature of God. It is our destiny.

- In the past, neighbors were defined as those living closest to us; today, our neighbors are those with whom we conduct life and do business. From the Biblical perspective, Jesus demonstrates that our neighbor is the one who is different from us and usually alienated by others. This is exactly who Jesus is calling us to love. After all, when we look at the creation of God, everything is unique and different made in His image and likeness.

- The Jewish man in Luke 10 did not seem concerned with the question of loving God, instead he was more anxious to know who his neighbor was because this could keep him from having eternal life. In those days, The Pharisees used scripture to justify their hatred and bigotry towards others.

- The blood of Jesus eliminated every racial and ethnic barrier. It also crushed the gender barrier that viewed woman as lesser people in the community. God declared we are ALL one regardless of race, gender, or position.

- The people of this Earth are waiting for a manifestation of hope to arise. That hope is Jesus! In order to bring transformation to our communities, we must love those who Christ calls our neighbor. It is time to rise church!

Questions
1. According to God, who is your neighbor? What actions are you taking to love your neighbor Gods way? How can your up-bringing interfere with this?
2. What are some stereotypes/barriers Christ has delivered you from? What was the revelation moment to that change? How has your perspective changed?
3. How are you manifesting the hope of Jesus to others? What areas do you feel the Holy Spirit leading you towards? What type of impact are you having on breaking the barriers that society deemed ok?
4. How can we pray for and support you today?