

Discussion Questions

1 A Barna Research poll conducted in 2007 found that among other perceptions, 87% of young non-Christians considered Christians to be “judgmental”¹ and 85% labeled Christians “hypocritical.” Assuming not much has changed since then, why do you think believers are so often criticized for being judgmental, hypocritical, or simply put, unfriendly towards non-Christians?

2 What would need to change for followers of Christ to be accepted by their “neighbors” the way Jesus was accepted by outsiders? What might God be prompting you to adjust in your own life and posture toward those who are far from Christ?

3 What could you do this week to demonstrate authentic care and concern for a “neighbor” that God might be placing on your heart?

¹ David Kinnaman, *“Unchristian”* (Baker Publishing, Grand Rapids: 2007), 34.