"SATURATING OUR CITY THROUGH PROCLAMATION POINTS
WHERE BELIEVERS ARE PRAYING, BLESSING, AND PROCLAIMING
THE GOSPEL."

SATURATE BOND



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A PROCLAMATION POINT IS A PLACE OUTSIDE THE FOUR WALLS OF THE CHURCH WHERE BELIEVERS STRATEGICALLY PROCLAIM AND LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL. THIS MEANS MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, AT THE SAME TIMES, AT THE SAME PLACES, AND SHARING THE SAME GOSPEL MESSAGE.

CONNECTION GROUP LOCAL OUTREACH STRATEGY

"AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO, I AM SENDING YOU."

JOHN 20:21b

As we think through local outreach in connection groups, we want to ensure that we can equip our connection groups to reach the community around them in a gospel-centered and robust manner. We have organized the goal of reaching the community around us in three main ways that are intended to reach this goal. Each of these strategies is rooted in Scripture and each of its ultimate goals is to see individuals reached with the Gospel of Christ so that they can become fully devoted followers of Christ.

PRAY

This strategy is based on the truth that it is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that an individual can come to the saving knowledge of Christ. It is important to pray for the good of our community, for opportunities and boldness to share the Gospel, and for the individuals to be convicted of sin and drawn to Jesus Christ. We want to provide practical ways that groups and individuals can pray for their family, friends, and community.

COLOSSIANS 4:2-4

BLESS

This strategy is focused on intentionally loving our neighbors and the community around us through our good deeds. Jesus taught that as His people shine their light through good deeds to the world around them, this will in turn result in the Father being glorified. In light of this, we want to provide practical ways to love and bless the people around us. When we do this, we model the kind of community that the body of Christ is intended to be and give a clear picture of the Kingdom of God.

MATTHEW 5:14-16

PROCLAIM

THIS STRATEGY IS FOCUSED ON SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH OTHERS

THROUGH A PRESENTATION OF THE LIFE, DEATH, BURIAL, AND

RESURRECTION OF JESUS. IN LIGHT OF THIS, WE WANT TO PROVIDE

PRACTICAL WAYS TO EQUIP BELIEVERS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

PRACTICALLY IN THEIR DAY-TO-DAY LIVES. WE ALSO WANT TO THINK

THROUGH PRACTICAL METHODS TO GET THE CONVERSATION STARTED IN

THE DIRECTION OF SPIRITUAL MATTERS.

1 PETER 2:9, MARK 16:15

MOVEMENT I

PRAY

S THINGS TO PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS:

BLESSING & FAVOR

Pray for God's BLESSING and FAVOR on your neighbors (Jeremiah 29:7).

WISDOM

Ask for WISDOM as to how to love your neighbors (Matthew 22:39).

CELEBRATION

Pray that you would LISTEN WELL (James 1:21).

OPEN DOORS

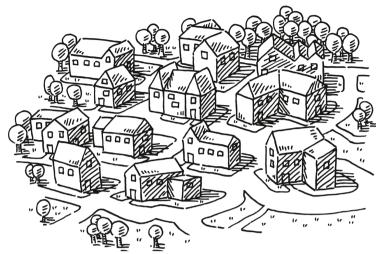
Ask for OPEN DOORS to share Jesus (Colossians 4:2-3).

OPEN HEARTS

Ask that HEARTS would be OPEN to receive the Gospel (Acts 16:14)



Navigator Discipleship Tool



30 DAYS of PRAYINGThrough Your **NEIGHBORHOOD**

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There is something deep and transformational that happens when we walk the streets of our community while conversing with God.

This is an invitation to audacity - to believe that the gospel is transformative today and that God's Spirit is at work in the uniqueness of our own individuality and that of our neighborhoods.

Throughout the next 30 days, be intentional. Take time to WALK, PRAY, PAY ATTENTION, and LISTEN.

Day One: Lord, would you please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this place I call home. "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14)

Day Two: Do I know the names of my neighbors? Lord, help me to learn the names of those living by me.

Day Three: Lord, thank You for the gift of a new day! May You surprise me as I walk these streets and enjoy this time with You. May a "divine appointment" happen today!

Day Four: When was the last time I was invited to my neighbors' home? When was the last time I had a neighbor over for dinner? Lord, would You give me the time and capacity to practice hospitality? Is there someone we could invite for dinner within the next month?

Day Five: Lord, help me be faithfully present in my neighborhood. May I intentionally say "yes" and "no" to the right things so I have more time for my neighbors.

Day Six: What promises am I praying over my neighborhood? While I am walking today bring to mind specific scripture that speaks to loving people, the neighborhood, and the expansion of the gospel.

Day Seven: Are there other Christ-followers in my neighborhood? Who else can join us? Lord, would you please help me identify "people of peace" or people who care deeply about my neighborhood.

Day Eight: Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this "place" I call home. "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14)

Day Nine: Lord, help me to see my neighborhood with Your eyes. May my heart break for those things that break Your heart.

Day Ten: Today while walking I will bring along a bag and pick up trash along the way. Lord, thank you for Your creation; help me to steward and care for the beauty of the earth You have made.

Day Eleven: Today I will give thanks! As I walk I will focus on the blessings that God has given me. Much like a river that is overflowing, I will allow "thanks" to well up inside my heart. Lord, thank You for my neighborhood, my home, food, and the daily comforts that I so often take for granted. Thank You! "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him. strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6-7)



Day Twelve: Today as I walk I will pay attention to the buildings, the businesses, non-profits, schools, and churches. What is already happening in my neighborhood and how may I join in and help these organizations? Lord, please lead me as I consider how involved I should become in my neighborhood.

Day Thirteen: Today I will pray at a park or playground. When was the last time I intentionally visited our community center? Lord, I long to be a "known character", one that is recognized, loved, and respected. Use me in this "place".

Day Fourteen: Today I will pray for laborers to flow out of the neighborhood. "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask The Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'" (Matthew 9:36-38)

Day Fifteen: Lord, would

You please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this "place" I call home. "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14) Day Sixteen: Today I will meditate on these four words: Soften, Center, Listen, and Respond. Lord, may you keep my heart Soft and open, Centered in Christ, Listening to your Holy Spirit, and Responding in love.

Day Seventeen: Today I will invite a friend to join me as I walk. (The relationship with this person will determine whether we pray together or simply walk while praying silently.) "For where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20)

Day Eighteen: "The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " (Galatians 5:14)

Day Nineteen: Who are the neighbors that God is moving and drawing me towards, nudging me to take that next-step from

take that next-step from "acquaintance" into "relationship"? Lord, will You help me move towards friendship with my neighbors, going beyond simply knowing their names.

Day Twenty: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine before men, that they

may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

Day Twenty-One: When was the last time we had a party at our house? Who could we invite? Who could help us? "Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them." (Luke 5:29)

Day Twenty-Two: Lord, thank You for the gift of a new day! May You surprise me as I walk these streets and enjoy this time with You. May a "divine appointment" happen today!

Day Twenty-Three: Lord, would you please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this place I call home. "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14)

Day Twenty-Four: Today as I walk I will ask God to give me a picture of what our neighborhood could become. Lord, please increase the vision for my neighborhood.

Day Twenty-Five: Today as I walk I will pray for insight on how I can "link" with other neighborhoods within my city.

Day Twenty-Six: "The number-one obstacle to neighboring well is time. Do you currently live at a pace that

allows you to be present in your neighborhood?" (*The Art of Neighboring*)

Day Twenty-Seven: "From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." (Acts 17:26-27)

Day Twenty-Eight: "Remember that God is and
has been at work in your
neighborhood. Part of leadership is attuning yourself
to the breath of God as He
brings new life to the dry
bones of your place. Live in
the freedom that comes
from knowing that God
loves your neighborhood far
more than you ever will. You
can actually trust God's love
for your place." (The New
Parish)

Day Twenty-Nine: Lord, would You please deepen my love for my neighborhood, this "place" I call home. "The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood." (John 1:14)

Day Thirty: "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

THIS TOOL IS MEANT TO BE SHARED.

To download this resource, visit navlink.org/neighborhood



SCRIPTURES TO PRAY FOR UNBELIEVERS

Pray that God would open their heart to pay attention to the gospel.

ACTS 16:14 - "One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul."

Pray that their eyes would be turned from darkness to light.

ACTS 26:18 - "To open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of

SINS AND A PLACE AMONG THOSE WHO ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH IN ME."

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Pray that God would bring other believers into their life to speak the truth.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 - "I PLANTED, APOLLOS WATERED, BUT GOD GAVE THE GROWTH."

Pray that their mind would be set free from the power of Satan.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4 - "In their case the god of this world has blinded the eyes of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

Pray that God would grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth.

2 TIMOTHY 2:25B-26 - "GOD MAY PERHAPS GRANT THEM REPENTANCE LEADING TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, AND THEY MAY COME TO THEIR SENSES AND ESCAPE FROM THE SNARE OF THE DEVIL, AFTER BEING CAPTURED BY HIM TO DO HIS WILL.

Pray for more laborers to be sent into the harvest of souls.

MATTHEW 9:37-38 - "Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Here are a few more resources that may help you to further pray for those you are seeking to reach with the gospel.

30-Day Prayer Guide by 'Who's Your One?'

<u>How to Pray for Unbelievers</u>

<u>Prayers for Unbelievers to come to Christ</u>

MOVEMENT II

BLESS

HOW TO **B.L.E.S.S.**WITH THE GOSPEL

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Ask who God is leading you to minister to, ask him to prepare hearts, and to reveal who and how He is calling you to bless the people around you

LISTEN

Listen to the stories of those around you. Hear their pains and their celebrations. Don't just talk but listen as well. Listening will help you understand where someone is at spiritually, as well as how you can more intentionally pray for them and serve them.

E A T

Have a cup of coffee, a bowl of frozen yogurt, or a meal with someone. This will go a long way towards building relationships.

SERVE

As you listen and eat with people, God will make it clear how you can serve them. Find practical and tangible ways to serve the people you are building relationships with.

SHARE

As God opens the door share the Gospel of Jesus with them. Proclaim the good news of Jesus, point them to the story of scripture, and explain how Jesus has changed your life.

HOW TO HOST Matthew parties

A Matthew Party is an intentional off-campus gathering hosted by a connection group member; centered around fellowship, celebration, and mission.

1. INVITE YOUR CONNECTION GROUP

Inviting members of your group will enhance community within the connection group as well as deepen unity of mission as you serve neighbors together.

2. PRAYER WALK YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Invite members of your family and connection group to prayer walk your neighborhood together. Anything of spiritual significance starts with prayer.

3. INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS TO JOIN; GET THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED

Get the whole family involved You can have kids make creative invites. Think about the relational connections you have in the neighborhood. Identify and start with people that you have an established connection with. Work on establishing relationships leading up to Matthew Party. Linger in conversation, walk your neighborhood, find ways to practically bless and serve your neighbors. This will help to make sure that the party has a strong relational component to it.

4. SHARE YOUR MEAL

Jesus ate often with those far from God! There is power around the table, community happens around food! Get others involved in pulling off the party. It will lessen the load and also create unity. Enjoy good food, good conversation, and look for opportunities to share Jesus.

5. HAVE A MISSIONAL ASPECT

There is no need to teach a lesson, but take opportunities to celebrate together, and consider a time of testimony, or give thanks to God for his blessing and the opportunity to share with each other. If there are unbelievers present be intentional about introducing them to those in your connection group. Mention that they are more than welcome to join for worship and connection group next Sunday. If everyone who comes is a follower of Jesus take the opportunity to prayer walk the neighborhood together after dinner.

MATTHEW PARTIES

LINK TO FULL LESSON

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus[a] reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Here are a few more resources to help you BLESS.

-"Bless every Home" app -"Why I bought your coffee" cards - "Simple ways to be missional" handout MOVEMENT III

PROCLAIM

HERE ARE 11 PROCLAMATION POINTS TO THINK ABOUT IN PENSACOLA, FL:

- ► COLLEGE/ SCHOOL CAMPUSES
- ► SPORTS FIELDS
- ► COFFEE SHOPS
- ► WORKPLACE
- ► NEIGHBORHOODS
- \rightarrow HOMES
- ► PARKS
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- ► COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
- ► BARBERSHOPS
- ► LAUNDROMATS

HOW TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

1. Pray for both opportunities and boldness

Pray for open doors and the boldness to step into them.

2. Engage in conversation

INTENTIONALLY INTERACT WITH PEOPLE IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION.

3. Build Relationships

LOOK TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH THOSE WHO ARE FAR FROM GOD.

4. Ask strategic questions

ASK QUESTIONS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DISCUSSION OF SPIRITUAL MATTERS.

5. Speak the Gospel

GOD'S DESIGN, SIN AND BROKENNESS, AND REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST

- 6. Stay Faithful
- -Being obedient to speaking with boldness is cause for celebration. Stay faithful and trust God to bring the results!
- CELEBRATE EVERY PART OF THE FARMING PROCESS.

HOW TO TRANSITION FROM CONVERSATION TO THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

FAMILY

INTERESTS

RELIGION

MESSAGE

"Share Jesus Without Fear"

In this approach, simply ask the questions. Do not try to argue or debate their responses. Do not interrupt. Just listen.

THREE KEY QUESTIONS:

- 1—How can I pray for you?
- 2—Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
- 3—Who is Jesus to you?

If they respond with "yes" to the last question, then present the gospel. "Share Jesus Without Fear" recommends having the individual read through and respond to each verse below. (However, you could easily use any gospel presentation and then jump to the 5 final questions.)

- 1. Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- 2. <u>Romans 6:23</u> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 3. <u>John 3:3</u> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." (Ask "Why did Jesus come to die?")
- 4. <u>John 14:6</u> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- 5. Romans 10:9-11 (9) That you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (11) As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."
- 6. 2 Corinthians 5:15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.
- 7. Revelations 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

After you present the gospel, follow up with the questions below.

FIVE FINAL OUESTIONS:

- 1—Would you agree that you are a sinner? (see Romans 3:23 above)
- 2—Would you like to be forgiven for your sins? (see Romans 6:23 above)
- 3—Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again? (see Romans 10:9-11 above)
- 4—Are you willing to give Jesus control of your life?
- 5—Would you like to invite Jesus into your life right now?

Any "no" response would essentially end the progression through the remaining questions. Hopefully the conversation will end in such a way that you can address the topic with them in a future conversation.

Should they respond with "yes" to all five questions, here is a sample prayer that you could walk them through:

"Heavenly Father, I have sinned against you. I ask for your forgiveness of all my sins. I believe that Jesus is your Son and that He died on the cross for me and rose again. Father, I give you control of my life. I want Jesus Christ to be the Lord and Savior of my life. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

Here are a few more resources to help you proclaim the Gospel.

-3 circles app
-Who's Your One? Everyday Evangelism Tool
- "Your Best News" Gospel tract
-"What is the Gospel" Gospel tract
- "Who is Jesus" Gospel tract

HOW TO SUSTAIN OUTREACH MOMENTUM

IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT EVANGELISM STRATEGIES, IT WILL TAKE INTENTIONAL TRAINING, PROCESSES OF ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CONSISTENT CELEBRATION.

DEVELOPMENT GOSPEL CLARITY

Find ways to practically equip and train individuals on what the Gospel is, how to build relationships, how to love and serve their neighbors, and how to practically proclaim the Gospel in their everyday lives.

ACCOUNTABILITY GOSPEL WISION

What is not inspected cannot be expected. Systems and goals must be set before our people in order to track progress with evangelism. Find clear and attainable goals to track progress.

CELEBRATION

GOSPEL JOY

We prioritize what we celebrate. If we truly prioritize reaching the lost in our city we will greatly celebrate any progress that is made. Vidoes, parties, etc. are all great ways to celebrate.