

TABLE GROUP ACTIVITY

Discuss It

1. What “neighbor group(s)” will you use?
Your address? Your work? Social Group? Etc...?
2. How do we make sure this is a Chart of Blessing, not a Chart of Shame?

Do It

Fill in your Neighbor Graphic. You might want to leave a blank spot or two to add later in this series. Start with Level 1 for each box. Then, go back to level 2 and level 3 as time/space allows.

Level 1 Name(s)

Write down their names. First and last?

Level 2 Relevant Info

Write down relevant information you have gathered from speaking with them.

Level 3 In-depth Info

Write down information for each that you only know through connecting with them. Family, career, motivations, priorities.

Share It

Once everybody has completed the neighborhood chart, go around the table group and share what you know or do not know about “Your Neighbors,” right now.

Close In Prayer



B.L.E.S.S Workshop #1 Begin with PRAYER

Sunday: Highlights

Why Begin With Prayer?

- \$ Jesus begins with Prayer
- \$ Neighboring begins with Prayer
- \$ Naming begins with Prayer
- \$ Miracles begin with Prayer
- \$ Blessings begin with Prayer
- \$ Love begins with Prayer

Sunday: “What We Didn’t Say”

Table Group Discussion

- 1) Which of the Six Why Begin With Prayer? points spoke to you most strongly? Why?
- 2) What was your biggest take-away from Sunday?

*“To Bless Your Neighbor,
Jesus Invites You To Begin With Prayer”
(B.L.E.S.S., Dave Ferguson and Jon Ferguson, Salem Books, 2021)*

*“God uses prayer to change us,
and then God uses us to change our world.”*

Reasons We Don't Pray

\$ *“I don't know how to pray.”*

\$ *“I'm too busy.”*

\$ *“I doubt it works.”*

Table Group Discussion

[Report back to the Large Group.]

Come up with 3 or more other reasons we don't pray?

5 Simple B.L.E.S.S. Tools

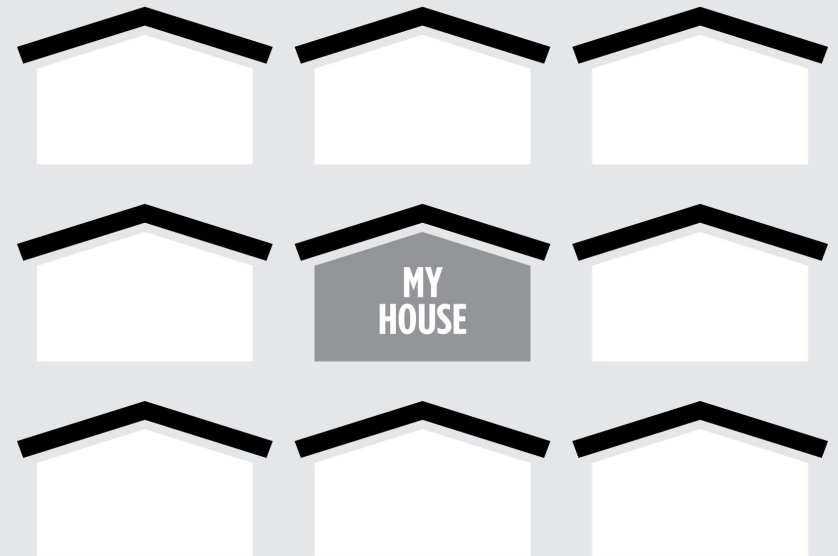
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| 1. Plan | When? Where? |
| 2. Prepare | How, God? |
| 3. Places | Surroundings: <i>Where will I be, today?</i> |
| 4. People | <i>How can I be a blessing to my neighbors?</i> |

*“Following Jesus isn't meant to be comfortable;
it's meant to be life-changing.”*

Question: *What is your response/reaction to that statement?

NEIGHBOR GRAPHIC

WHO'S MY NEIGHBOR?



Getting to know the **people next door.**

(Courtesy of Jay Pathak & Dave Runyon, *The Art of Neighboring*)