

25 Ways to Be Missional in Your Neighbourhood

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Do these things with Gospel intentionality: prayerfully, humbly and boldly.

I have found that it is often helpful to have practical ideas to start engaging the people around me. Most of the things on this list are normal, everyday things that many people are already doing. The hope is that we would do these things with Gospel intentionality. This means we do them:

- In the normal rhythms of life pursuing to meet and engage new people.
- Prayerfully watching and listening to the Holy Spirit to discern where God is working.
- Looking to boldly, humbly, and contextually proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

Below is a list of my top 25. Not all of these are for everyone, but hopefully there will be several ideas on the list that God uses to help you engage your neighbours. I would love to hear stories of how you have lived some of these out or other ways you have engaged your neighbours.

1. Stay outside in the front yard longer while watering the yard
2. Walk your dog regularly around the same time in your neighbourhood
3. Sit on the front porch and let kids play in the front yard
4. Pass out baked goods (fresh bread, cookies, brownies, etc.)
5. Invite neighbours over for dinner
6. Attend and participate in community functions
7. Attend the parties invited to by neighbours
8. Do a food drive or blanket drive in winter and get neighbours involved
9. Have a game night (yard games outside or board games inside)
10. Art swap night – bring out what you're tired of and trade with neighbours
11. Grow a garden and give out extra produce to neighbours
12. Have an Easter egg hunt on your block and invite neighbours to use their front yards
13. Start a weekly open meal night in your home
14. Do a summer BBQ every Friday night and invite others to contribute
15. Create a block/street e-mail and phone contact list for safety
16. Host a sports game watching party
17. Host a coffee and dessert night
18. Organize and host a ladies' artistic creation night
19. Organize a tasting tour on your street (everyone sets up food and table on the front porch)
20. Host a movie night and discussion afterwards
21. Start a walking/running group in the neighbourhood
22. Start hosting a play date weekly for other stay at home parents
23. Organize a carpool for your neighbourhood to help save fuel
24. Volunteer to coach a local little league sports team
25. Have a front yard ice cream party in the summer

Do you have some other ideas or ways that you or your Missional Community have engaged your neighbourhood?

Missional Tip: Pick one of these ideas and act on it this week.