

Before You Go

- ✓ Prepare your heart through prayer/ reading Scripture
- ✓ Pray for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to hear and obey
- ✓ Pray for "people of peace" (ones who are open to the gospel witness and are welcoming to followers of Jesus)

As You Go

- Observe & listen walk down the street observing each house and listening to the Holy Spirit. Does any scripture come to mind or a certain home stand out? A certain prayer to pray?
- Obey & build up the group you can pray silently as you walk down the street. At the end of the street, have the team stop and pray that the entire street and specifically anything that came to mind as your team walked down the street. If a scripture, a song, a thought, etc... comes to mind about a specific house, then pray/speak that over that home/person
- Be okay with feeling awkward when you know the Spirit is prompting you to do something. Most of the time it's just our pride and fear holding us back from obeying.
- Be okay with getting off course join a community basketball game, park experience, compliment someone's dog for a relational encounter with a potential person-of-peace
- If still unsure use the HEART method and scriptures that go along with it

HEART - Prayer for Unbelievers

- A. Pray for receptive and repentant <u>hearts</u> (Luke 8:5–15)
- B. Pray that their <u>eyes</u> and <u>ears</u> would be open to the Gospel Christ (2 Cor. 4:3–4; Matt. 13:15)
- C. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give them the same <u>attitude</u> towards sin that God does (John 16:8)
- D. Pray that they will be released from sin to believe (2 Cor. 10:3–4; 2 Tim. 2:25–26)
- E. Pray that the Holy Spirit will <u>transform</u> their life (Rom. 12:1–2)

Prayers We Ought to Pray

- I. Our Community
- For clarity, wisdom, and direction on what neighborhoods to engage and for "people of peace" to emerge
- That Graceway would have a name throughout our communities like:
 - o "They're a church that's always doing good things for this community."
 - o "Those people love like no one else because they love like no one else."
- To build favor in people's eyes and hearts

II. Our Church

- Against spiritual darkness and attacks against our church family, including praying over our homes.
- For the diversity of our church to increase in order to reach the large diversity of our communities
- For our church family to learn what it looks like to hear and obey on a daily basis and make disciples in their context (work, eat, play, and do life together)

Starting the Conversation

- FIRM Method People love to talk about the things that are important to them.
 - o Family
 - o Interests/Job
 - o Religious Beliefs
 - Message (i.e. the Gospel)
- Basic Questions:
 - 1. How long have you lived in this community?
 - 2. Do you enjoy living in the area? Why or why not?
 - 3. What do you like the most about living in this community?
 - 4. What would you say is the biggest need is in this community?
 - 5. Is there maybe something that would be nice to see more of or less of in this community?
 - 6. Does the area you live in have any kind of events? What kind of events are there?
 - 7. Would you be interested in attending an event in your community if it helped you to get to know your neighbors better?
 - 8. Do you go to church anywhere?
 - 9. Ask for their advice about something or recommendations? (Ex: help me find this spot, good places to eat, things that people are involved in and enjoy doing)
 - 10. Ask a question that's easy to answer
 - 11. Comment on the environment.
 - 12. Ask open-ended questions whenever possible.
 - 13. Ask a hypothetical question.
 - 14. Ask about their kids, pets, or hobbies.