

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING SIMPLIFIED

GOAL

- To go from stranger, to acquaintance to relationship with your literal neighbors
- To know the names of eight of your neighbors
- To build a friendship with some of your neighbors through a meal or a block party
- To become spiritual friends to a few of your neighbors as God would allow and invite them to church, share your faith story or share the Gospel

ACTION STEPS:

THE BLOCK MAP EXERCISE

- Have your group reflect on those who live in the 8 houses that are closest to them and have them list of the names of the people in each of those 8 households in the block map
- Well under 50% of us know half of our neighbors' names
- The point of the exercise is to show us that we don't know the people near us. How can we love people and share with them the Gospel if we don't know their names...

FRONT YARD EXERCISE

- Spend at least an hour in your front yard or common area this week and see what happens, you might also want to take a walk in your neighborhood
- Introduce yourself to people when you see them whom you don't know or take the next step if you already know them
- Write down the names of the people you meet on your block map

PRAYER EXERCISE

- Spend 15 minutes once a week prayer walking in your neighborhood. Pray for your neighbors and for God to open a door to build a relationship with them
- You can go to north-county-project.com for more info on prayer walking and even commit to praying for your neighborhood on this website