

HEALTHY

LOVE AVENUE

It is the person and presence of Jesus calling us to love; inviting us to join him in making new disciples; and empowering us through His Spirit to build the church and expand the Kingdom.

Witness

The calling on the ministry to engage our community with tangible acts that reflect the love of God. It is the love of Christ that compels us to proclaim the message and connect with those who don't yet know they are reconciled!

PROCESS

Mapping Your Neighborhood

*Making Friends/
Disciples*

*Missional Activities &
Events*

Looks like:

- Going to local events.
- Door-to-door campaigns
- Joining neighborhood Facebook Pages and Community Groups.

For instance:

- Prayer walks
- Visiting Farmers markets, YMCA, etc.

Contextualize:

- Identify groups in your community. Who lives here? What is their experience?
- What do we as a church share in common with our community?
- After 6 months of engaging the community are we making adjustments?

Looks like:

- Being in the marketplace daily.
- Offering church facilities as a community activity center.

For instance:

- Hanging out at a coffee shop or joining a health club.
- Participating in community programs, and groups (Book Club, coaching, etc.)

Contextualize:

- How can I add strategic routine to my daily rhythms?
- Having an orientation of focusing on others.
- Beyond individual efforts, how do we collectively engage with our neighbors and deepen those relationships?

Looks like:

- Serving and loving the community with a purpose and intentional connection back to the life of the church.

For instance:

- A Back to School Fair followed by a Blessing of the Children.
- Celebrating a recent neighborhood camp.

Contextualize:

- What skills or abilities does my neighborhood engagement team have?
- Does our annual calendar have events that are inviting to neighbors, guests, and friends?
- Do our church events reflect our values and advance our shared vision?

Reflect

Healthy Church involves a corporate desire to share Christ's love with all our neighbors.

Are we following up after initially reaching out?

Are our neighborhood events connecting back to the life of the church?

Are we creating a sustainable rhythm of neighborhood events?