

LIFE Group Study: Week 4

Checking In

How do you get involved with your neighbors? Have you walked the streets of those that you talk about? What happened when you did?

Memory Verse

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:7

Outline

Feet and faith go hand-in-hand. So, when was the last time you walked into someone’s life and gave them a hand?

God put us in this world to do two things: love God and love people. This is where we lay our lives down—being His HANDS and FEET. Don’t you think God wants us to pray for the success of our city? We are to make the neighborhoods better.

Five reasons we are to love our hood:

1. We have been completely _____ to do something great. This is what God saved us to do on this side of Heaven.
2. There is a simple _____ behind everything we do.
3. What we do will sometimes involve _____.
4. God has provided the _____ for us to do something significant.
5. Doing something significant with your life requires a _____ that constantly screams, “I can’t quit.”

_____ : God uses numbers to measure His love throughout the Bible. God hears the cry of the hurting.

_____ : We are to take initiative as a church that does something. When you see an opportunity, seize it!



Short Video Material



Discovery Questions

1. Have you ever done something that you felt you were not prepared for? How did it turn out? Have you done something that you felt you were very well prepared for? How did that turn out? Did the two turn out differently?
2. Do you always know the purpose behind everything you do? If you did, would it change your decision to do it?
3. If you knew that you would cause someone pain by doing something for them, would you still do it?



Putting It Into Practice

1. Walk around the neighborhood and look for someone who could use a hand, and offer to help.
2. In your daily prayers, make sure to include prayers for your local neighborhood, your city, and its officials.
3. Continually look around to see how you can be the church to others including your family, neighborhood, and work.



Prayer Direction

Pastor Keith closed the message by saying that we are to take the initiative. Pray about who you may need to reach out to that needs care.

Allow a few minutes for each person to pray for that someone God may bring.



Diving Deeper

1. Attend the next Celebrate LIFE Journey class.

2. Consider starting a prayer journal or wall to capture your prayer requests.
3. Identify Scripture about how Jesus cared for people and how you might follow that example.
4. Also, continue on with the Daily Devotions that follow.

We may not always agree with how our city (neighborhood) is being run, but God calls us to still pray for those who make the decisions that affect us and others. Remembering those people in prayer will help our hood to prosper, which, in turn, will help us to prosper so we can continue to help others.

Heavenly Father, I thank You for this neighborhood and city as part of my extended family. I ask that You continue to protect and guide them to do what is right to help us to prosper. In Your Name, Amen.