



# Neighboring

“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” John 13:34 NLT

One of the best ways we can love our city is by becoming better neighbors—serving those we live close to and have relationship with. There are several different ways to serve your neighbors, and we encourage you to prayerfully consider a way that would love your neighbors well.

## Serving Options:

### SERVE A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

As a group or family, choose a friend, family member, or neighbor who could use some extra love and care. Brainstorm some of the best ways to meet that need. Ideas include:

- Meal train: Commit to providing a meal for a family in need. If this is done with your group, assign specific nights for each family to provide a meal.
- Landscaping: This could include mowing grass, picking up sticks, raking leaves, or pulling weeds.

### KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFUL

Here are some ideas:

- Gather at a local park to pick up trash. This is a great opportunity to bring some beauty to the place you call home while serving alongside your friends, family, group, or neighbors.
- On trash day, collect your neighbor's trash cans (just make sure you don't block their parking spot!).

### ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Ideas include:

- Use sidewalk chalk on your driveway or your neighbors' driveways (with permission) to encourage and brighten the day of those who pass by.
- Fill a tumbler or basket with supplies and goodies specific to someone's occupation (i.e. school supplies for a teacher) or something more general like coffee or chocolate. Include an encouraging note that helps the recipient get to know you.