



## ARE YOU BLESSING YOUR NEIGHBORS?

*B*egin with Prayer

*L*earn their Names

*E*ngage in Conversations

*S*eek to be Intentional

*S*hare Your Stories



# How to get started...



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## BEGIN IN PRAYER

This is where it all starts. Just start praying for the people that live around you, regularly, by name, if you can. Ask God to give you his heart for the people he has placed near you. Ask him to help you see them as he sees them.

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## LEARN THEIR NAMES

Use the graphic on the front to fill out the names, occupations, hobbies, and interests of your neighbors. It starts with names. Don't underestimate the power of a name. "Hi, Bob!" is so much better than, "Hey, buddy!"

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## ENGAGE IN CONVERSATIONS

Even casual conversation with a neighbor can start to build a relational bridge. You are not called to *win* your neighbor. You are called to *love* your neighbor.

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## SEEK TO BE INTENTIONAL

Go for walks in the neighborhood. Grill out in the front yard. Sit on the front porch. Play in the front yard. Get your mail when your neighbor does. Learn to walk across the lawn or driveway on purpose.

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## SHARE YOUR STORIES

Learn the story of your neighbor and share yours. Where did you grow up? Where have you lived? Where have you worked? What are your favorite hobbies?

As you start to B.L.E.S.S. your neighbors, update your My5 Card with new information and insights. God has you there for a reason, and he simply wants you to love your neighbor.

Example:



**GOD'S CALL TO LOVE OUR  
NEIGHBORS DOES NOT HAVE  
TO BE COMPLICATED.  
USE YOUR STRENGTH TO START  
TO B.L.E.S.S. YOUR NEIGHBORS.**