

Week One: Lost Sheep - GO

“Who is God calling me to go toward?”

Prayer Walking-

What is it?

It is about intentionally taking time to see your neighbors, to become aware of who they are and to see their needs with God’s eyes and heart. It allows us to get on board with what God is already doing around us. It is not about doing door-to-door evangelism.

How to do it:

1. Share- You can prayer walk by yourself, but it is often helpful to do it together with a friend or neighbor. Let your neighbors know you’ll be passing by and praying for them by posting in your neighborhood Facebook group or on Nextdoor, and ask if anyone has something specific they want prayer for. Invite anyone who is interested to come with you by sharing the time and place you’ll start.
2. Go- Begin by praying for the Holy Spirit to guide you. Ask God to open your eyes and to give you the same love he has for your neighbors. As you walk through your neighborhood, pray with your eyes open—what do you notice about their home and yard? What might those observations tell you about their stage of life and potential needs and concerns?

Especially pray for any individual you might pass strolling through the neighborhood. If someone asks what you are doing, introduce yourself and simply say, “We are praying for God’s protection and blessing in our neighborhood. Is there any way we can pray for you?”

3. How to pray:

Pray for needs you see. A neglected lawn or broken down vehicle might indicate hardship. A yard full of toys might indicate young children. A lot of cars might indicate teenage children or extended family. A “perfect lawn” might indicate a pressure to keep up appearances. We can only see the outside, but God knows the heart.

A sample prayer might go:

God you know and love every member of this home. Help me to see them, to know them, and to love them as you do. Please bless and protect them. May the light of Christ shine into their lives bringing forgiveness, healing, and wholeness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Finally, expect God to show up!