



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

NEIGHBORING:

Where we live is no accident. We are called to steward our lives well, and investing in those who live next door to us is one of the most practical ways to love our community.

- How are you encouraging your group to engage with your neighbors?
- Can you name your neighbors?
- Do you know ways to pray for neighbors?
- Have you had spiritual conversations/shared your faith with your neighbors?
- Ask your group how you can pray for/encourage one another to take steps towards knowing your neighbors better.

NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES:

- Visit watermark.org/neighbor to find a message, resources, and blogs to spur your group on in this area.

VOCATION:

Those employed outside the home spend most waking hours at work. Therefore, it is one of the primary opportunities to be “missionally engaged”.

- How are you encouraging your group to maximize time spent in the workplace?
- Do you view work as one of the primary places God shapes us and wants to shape others?
- Does the way you work honor others and ultimately the Lord?
- How are you investing in your workplace faithfully?
- When is the last time you had a meaningful conversation with someone at work?

NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES:

- Visit watermark.org/work to explore work resources and Vocational Affinity Groups.
- Sign up together for our Faith & Work Lunch, every third Wednesday of the month in The Loft at Watermark Dallas, for equipping and encouragement.

CITY ENGAGEMENT:

Missional engagement doesn't end on our blocks or at our workplace. We want to demonstrate the gospel to our city by running toward areas of need and acting as the hands and feet of Christ.

We corporately serve our city through several Impact Areas:

- Anti-Sex Trafficking – ministry to current and former sex-industry survivors
- Community Development – focused community strategies to tackle systemic issues.
- Health – meeting health/wellness needs in the community through our urgent care clinics.
- Local-International – ministry to international people here in DFW.
- Life Initiative/Family Restoration – pro-life activities, helping form and strengthen families.
- Mentoring – life change through relationships.
- Poverty Alleviation/Homelessness – caring for those who are homeless and at risk.
- Prison – ministry to current and former prisoners.
- Schools – partnering with schools and teachers.



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NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES:

- Explore ministry partners and ways to serve at: watermark.org/externalfocus
- Appoint a “Service Chair” who can help your group think through being missionally engaged, with the focus on serving smarter, not necessarily serving more.
Contact us at: externalfocus@watermark.org
- Sign up for Straightforward Service, to receive monthly service opportunities for your group.
Sign up at: watermark.org/externalserve.

GLOBAL:

The call to go and make disciples extends to the end of the earth.

- Has your group ever considered serving the international community right here in DFW?
- Has your group ever processed taking an international tip together?

NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES:

- To get involved locally or find more about our international discipleship trips contact: international@watermark.org
- Gather together and pray at one of our International Worship Nights.
- Considering international missions as a calling? We have a Global TRAC designed to equip and send our members abroad. More information at watermark.org/international.

NEXT STEPS:

- Talk about each person’s “place of service” often.
- Process with your group which one of the above you might want to learn more about/get involved in.
- Encourage each other often- exhort each other in going deeper with service.
- Make this a regular conversation, like spiritual growth or marriage health.
- Get to know each-other’s strengths and weaknesses to discern “fit” for areas of service.
- Consider serving together...but contextualize it to your life-stage and group!
Ex: If you have young kids, consider how you all could take time as families to serve your neighborhood or host a dinner party for your co-workers and friends.
Email handsandfeetproject@gmail.com to find unique ways to serve with your kids.
- Equip each other on current topics and ways to serve the community (talk about the why behind service).
- Go through “When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience” together as a group.
- Come once a month with a current “issue” or “cause” that your group wants to learn more about.