

## MORE Questions for the Ride

- Try choosing an individual or group of people who are together and pray for them. Begin with the asking prayer "Lord direct me to what I can pray for those people right now".
- How do people interact on the bus? What might this tell you about the nature of the Neighbourhood?

## BUS RIDE DEBRIEF

Some questions to ask yourself or to discuss with others:

1. What new things did I observe about our Neighbourhood as I rode the bus?
2. How did this experience make me feel? Toward Jesus? Toward my Neighbours? About my Cluster's "OUT" focus?
3. Is there something I need to be doing in response? (Don't assume there is something more to do right now.)
4. What would I like to share with my Neighbourhood Cluster about this experience?

## 3. A VANTAGE POINT

Find a place which gives you a good view of your Neighbourhood area. This will generally be a high place but it could also be an open field or school yard which gives a good view of a large area. Plan some time to sit/stand and learn.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- What do I see? What do I hear? What do I smell? What does it feel like to be here?
- What do I see that I haven't noticed before? What can't I see from here?
- What questions come to my mind as I look at this Neighbourhood?
- Pray about something which you see or notice. You can begin with the listening prayer "Lord direct me as to how I can pray for his Neighbourhood. Tell me who I can pray for in this Neighbourhood".

## VANTAGE POINT DEBRIEF

Some questions to ask yourself or to discuss with others:

1. What new things did I observe about my Neighbourhood as I looked at it from this vantage point?
2. How did this experience make me feel? Toward Jesus? Toward my Neighbours? About my Cluster's "OUT" focus?
3. Is there something I need to be doing in response? (Don't assume there is something more to do right now.)
4. What would I like to share with my Neighbourhood Cluster about this experience?



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# LEARNING PROJECT ONE Experiencing The Neighbourhood



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## THE GOAL

The goal of these learning exercises is to help you to see the Neighbourhood with the eyes of Jesus

## BACKGROUND

No one knows everything about this Neighbourhood - except Jesus. We believe that He knows every place and every person. We believe that his love and compassion are directed toward this place and these people.

The goal of these learning exercises is to help you see/experience/appreciate more of what this Neighbourhood is, so that you will have more of Jesus' heart for it.

These experiences are also preparatory to your Neighbourhood Cluster doing a Christmas Presence Project. They are meant to introduce you to what is happening in the Neighbourhood and will lead to the question "what can we be doing together as a Grandview Cluster to represent Jesus in mission?"

These experiences are for individuals or couples or family groupings. They will give you opportunity to experience your Neighbourhood in new ways.

## 1. A PRAYER WALK

Choose an area in your Neighbourhood and take a leisurely stroll. If you have an area where you walk regularly, you may want to do this in a different part of the Neighbourhood. As you are walking, ask the Lord to direct you to see with His eyes and to pray for a home on this block.

Choose a single house (or business) to pray for as you walk along the block. Shape your prayer by something you notice: children's toys, a handicapped access, a manicured garden (or one which is uncared for), a "for sale" sign.

Pause briefly at the corner to pray specifically for that home and its inhabitants. Pray the same listening prayer for the next block "Lord direct me to who I can pray for in this next block" and continue walking.

## DEBRIEF

Some questions to ask yourself or to discuss with others:

1. What new things did I observe about the Neighbourhood as I walked and prayed?
2. How did doing this make me feel? Toward Jesus? Toward my Neighbours? About my Cluster's "OUT" focus?
3. Is there something I need to be doing in response? (Don't assume there is something more to do right now.)
4. What would I like to share with my Neighbourhood Cluster about this experience?

## 2. A BUS EXCURSION

Spend a couple of hours and ride a city bus (or buses). Choose one which stops closest to your home and ride it until it returns to that stop, or ride several buses which go mostly through your Neighbourhood area.

You will find the entire Grand River Transit bus route here:

<http://www.grt.ca/Ib/transit.nsf/vwArticles/TE-GR-ROU-ART-1000f?OpenDocument>

Current adult fare is \$2.50. Drivers do not give change. You can get a transfer from the driver which will allow you to take another bus for the original fare.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RIDE

As you are driving be asking:

-What kind of people ride the bus? What seems to be the purpose of their trip? Do they seem like regular riders? (How can you tell?)

-What would be different for you if you had to ride the bus? (Or, if you always ride the bus, what would be different if you had a car?)

-What do you see out the window that you don't see from your car or walking? What new things do you observe about the nature of your Neighbourhood?