

Name

\Role in Neighbourhood

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Person 1

Person 2

Person 3

3. Reflection Questions

3.1 What was the reaction of people to being asked the questions?

3.2 Were there similarities in the responses? What were they?

3.3 Were there differences in the responses? What were they?

3.4 What have you learned about the Neighbourhood through this experience?

3.5 How do you feel yourself being drawn? How do you sense the Spirit shaping your attitudes and heart? What kind of Neighbourhood involvement do you sense yourself being drawn toward?

3.6 Are any of the people you talked with "People of Peace"? ie People who responded well to you and with heart for the Neighbourhood?

Our group "calling" to a **Christmas Presence Project** will be based upon our prayerful, Spirit led response to what we learn about God's Kingdom and Jesus' mission in our Neighbourhood. Where can we get on board with what God is doing? Where can we bring His presence to a situation where it is absent?



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**DISCOVERY
PROJECT
TWO
God's Kingdom
in Our
Neighbourhood**



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GOAL

The goal of this learning exercise is to discover places where God is already at work in our Neighbourhood and to see places where His presence is needed.

BACKGROUND

The Presence/Absence of God's Kingdom Work

In the Lord's Prayer we pray:

*"May your kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven."* (Matthew 6:10ff)

It is reasonable, even important, for us to ask about the place where we live:

*Where do we see God's kingdom
presence already at work?*

*What in our community makes God smile
because his will is being done?*

*Where do we see that we must continue
to pray and work for His kingdom
presence?*

*What in our Neighbourhood makes God
weep because his will is not being done?*

...more background

In the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus summarized his mission:

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come" (Luke 4:18-19)

However we would choose to define the poor, captives, blind or oppressed, it is important for us to ask the same kind of questions about the ongoing mission of Jesus in our Neighbourhood.

Where do we see Good News needed?

Where do we hear it spoken?

Where do we see the need for captives to be released, blind to see, oppressed to be set free?

Where do we see these things happening?

The intention of this Second Discovery Project is to get us out into the Neighbourhood to discover the presence and absence of the Kingdom. It is to seek places where Jesus' mission is being accomplished and where it is needed.

THE DISCOVERY EXPERIENCE

1. Initiate a conversation with **3 different kinds of people** who are part of this Neighbourhood. These might be:

a neighbour, stranger walking a dog, store owner/clerk, worker in an institution (school, community centre), medical practitioner (doctor, dentist, pharmacist), teen, business owner/worker, government worker, bus/cab driver, recreational leader/participant, person from a church in the Neighbourhood etc.

2. In your dialogue, try to discover some of the following:

***Have you been part of this neighbourhood for long?**

***What do you like about it?**

*** Do you know of people doing good things here to help others and improve the neighbourhood? What are they doing?**

***If you could change something about this neighbourhood to make it better, what would you change?**