

# NEIGHBORING TOOLKIT

BELOW IS A LIST OF SOME TOOLS THAT CAN BE USEFUL IN NEIGHBORING. THIS IS BY NO MEANS COMPREHENSIVE, RATHER A GOOD WAY TO THINK OF ALL THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO LOVE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.

## PHYSICAL // OUR STUFF

- Place (house, yard, common areas)
- Money
- Food (make & share, or borrow)
- Tools & Equipment (lawnmower, snowblower, tools, truck, trailer etc)
- Physical labor (acts of service)
- Clothes (coats, shoes)

## RELATIONAL // PEOPLE SKILLS & PEOPLE CONNECTIONS

- Friendliness / Genuine kindness, boundless hospitality
- Curiosity—Listen, ask questions, be authentic
- Your kids (or pets) can be great relational connectors
- Observation—Be the “eyes and ears”
- Peacemaking—Conflict mediation
- Encouragement—Find the positive in people
- Presence—Be there, be patient, pay attention, smile

## MENTAL // KNOWLEDGE

- Story of God (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration)
- Bible—Scriptures and stories that can be inserted into conversations
- Experience from your work, life, family, parents, mentors
- Education, abilities/skills
- Referrals—If you can't help yourself, who do you know that can?
- Curiosity—Learn from your neighbors

## SPIRITUAL // GIFTS THAT COME FROM GOD

- Discernment, the Holy Spirit
- Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control
- Gifts of the Spirit: teaching, evangelism, shepherding, prophecy, leadership, etc
- Your Story of Faith
- Compassion, love and grace
- The Word of God

## EMOTIONAL // INNER TRAITS (NOT NECESSARILY SPIRITUAL)

- Self Awareness—Emotions, know your strengths/weaknesses
- Self Regulation—The ability to control your emotions/impulses
- Motivation—Neighboring with passion but with the right motives and pace
- Emotional Intelligence/Intuition—How we read and handle conversations
- Empathy—Putting yourself in someone else's shoes (not quick to judge)
- Social Skills—Manage disputes, build/maintain relationships, communicate well



# ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR? QUIZ

I LIKE MY NEIGHBORS  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

MY NEIGHBORS LIKE ME  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

I TALK TO MY NEIGHBORS  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

I DO NICE THINGS FOR MY NEIGHBORS  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

I GENUINELY CARE ABOUT MY NEIGHBORS  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

MY NEIGHBORS INVITE ME TO THEIR PARTIES  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

I WATCH OUT FOR MY NEIGHBORHOOD  
 Yes  Somewhat  No

WHEN PEOPLE NEED HELP IN MY  
NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY COME TO ME  
 Yes  Somewhat  No