

Listening Questions

(Adapted from Ethos Church in Nashville)

Live

Q: Do you know your neighbours' names? If not, how can you introduce yourself?

Q: Who in your neighbourhood just had a baby? Can you naturally offer something, take a meal (either take-out or something homemade), or a small gift and card?

Q: Who is elderly or disabled? What might they need help with? (Yard work, house chores, caring for a pet, etc.)

Q: Who is around your age or in a similar life stage? Can you invite them into your space or home?

Q: Are there single moms or dads around you? How might they need help from time to time?

Q: Do your neighbours know each other? Can you do something to bring them all together?

Q: Are there other people who follow Jesus in your neighbourhood? If so, can you partner together to look for and meet needs?

Q: Do you know of birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events happening? How can you help someone celebrate?

Q: Who has moved in recently? How can you help welcome them to the neighbourhood?

Q: Is there anyone in your neighbourhood who doesn't fit the profile of the majority? How can you help them feel loved and valued?

Q: Is there someone who lives around you who has served or helped you? Is there a small gesture you can make to show your thanks? (A thank-you card, homemade cookies, etc.)

Work

Q: Do you know your co-workers' names? If not, how can you introduce yourself?

Q: Has anyone had any major life changes?

Q: Has there been a death in anyone's family, or are they or someone in their family ill?

Q: Has anyone at work just had a baby? Can you naturally offer something, take a meal (either take-out or something homemade), or a small gift and card?

Q: Is there someone at your workplace or school who doesn't fit in, is different, or gets bullied? How can you help them feel loved and valued?

Q: Is there anyone new to your workplace? How can you help them feel welcome? Q: Are there others in your workplace who follow Jesus or are curious about faith? How can you engage in conversations about faith or let them know you are a follower of Jesus?

Q: Do you know of birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events happening? How can you help someone celebrate?

Q: Do any of your co-workers hang out together after work? How can you join in or initiate a gathering?

Q: Are there ways you can support your co-workers after work? Do you have a co-worker who plays in a band or has a hobby that you can support them in?

Q: Is there a co-worker who always goes out of their way to help or serve you? How could you acknowledge their kindness or express your thanks?

Play

Q: Where do you go frequently? (Gym, library, sporting events, music venues, restaurants, cafés, bars, bookstores, recreational leagues?) How can you get to know the people you see frequently at this place?

Q: Can you take opportunities to make a significant encounter something more? It may be the barista, bartender, someone checking you in at the gym, or running beside you on a treadmill.

Q: How can you listen and express care for that person with whom you regularly interact?

Q: How can you do more than simply come in and out of these places undetected, and instead begin to look for small and big ways to appreciate, engage with, and encourage people there?

Q: How can you make this place a better and more positive place?

Q: Is there someone you have favour with? For example, does the manager of the gym, the barista at your café, or the wait staff at your favourite restaurant enjoy talking to you?

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