

# Good Neighbor Teams

Where To Start

## Why?

Living Fellowship Church seeks to be a body that partners with God for the renewal of all things, including our communities and neighborhoods that we live in. We hope to do this by truly knowing the people of our streets and cul de sacs that make up the greater North Fulton and South Forsyth Area. The first step in caring for its inhabitants is to possess a deep understanding of them, their needs, and each Good Neighbor Team seeks to partner with God to love people.

## What Are They?

A group of neighbors, friends, coworkers and families with the shared intention of extending the welcome and love of Christ to their communities by knowing, praying for, and serving all in their community. GNTs will create a scattered extension of Living Fellowship Church and a visible expression of Jesus' words in the Gospel of Mark, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul, with all your might and with all your strength.....And love your neighbor as yourself."

## How?

Start by gathering two or more families, coworkers and/or friends who want to make an impact in their neighborhood. While GNT's are to be focused uniquely on a specific area of our community, they all start the same - creating a culture of being good neighbors. The Hopeful Neighborhood as well as this guide will help orient our hearts and minds to consider what it looks like to be a team who consider how to love their neighbors. The hope is that you would discover how God may lead you and others to be His ambassadors together in the places in which you have been assigned.

## Who?

GNT's will be one of the first expressions of LFC. Our expectations are that GNT leaders will be members of LFC, but a GNT may include other people in your community that love Jesus and want to see their community flourish. We also believe a GNT will grow as they are connected with a local worshiping church. As we begin to gather together to worship, we hope that our first worship service will be full of people who have heard about LFC through a GNT. Each GNT will have a leader to help facilitate conversation and a host to provide a location and take care of logistical details such as childcare. Here are some questions to help you think about who you could invite to be a part of a GNT.

*"Who else knows about the area I live in?"*

*"Who else lives near me and loves Jesus?"*

*"Who else is willing to commit to going through the GNT Start up Guide with me?"*

## What's Next?

This is up to your GNT. The outcome of the Start Up Guide is to help you discover what is best for your particular GNT and community. Keep in mind that there may come a moment where the group will multiply into other neighborhoods in order to further serve and love the city. LFC staff will support and coach you along the way as you discern what is best for your GNT. Ask yourself,

*"How does God want us to extend His hospitality to our shared community?"*

*"How has God uniquely equipped you and others to love your neighbor?"*

*"Who do you not immediately think of? Are they easily forgotten or isolated?"*