



THE
NEIGHBORLINESS
CENTER

NEIGHBORLINESS CORPORATE ACTION PLAN

GOAL: Develop a Neighborliness Team to encourage learning and practical steps toward the spirit of neighborliness within the local church.

Meeting #1 – Discussion with the Lead Pastor and Board/Executive Team

Develop a shared goal with the lead pastor and board/executive team. Discuss results from the iDream Index. Identify a liaison to work in cooperation with the lead pastor to cultivate the spirit of neighborliness.

Meeting #2 – First Meeting of the Neighborliness Team

- a. The Neighborliness Team should consist of a diverse group of 8-12 people.
- b. Discuss expectations and the practical function of the Neighborliness Team.
- c. Identify the main themes to be explored and discuss results of the iDream Index.
- d. Read *Neighborliness: Finding the Beauty of God Across Dividing Lines* by David Docusen.

Meeting #3 – The Vision of a Revelation 7:9 Church

- a. Discuss thoughts from *Neighborliness: Finding the Beauty of God Across Dividing Lines*.
- b. See/Feel/Hear exercise: Discuss the vision of a Revelation 7:9 church.
- c. Create an asset map of the church and surrounding community.
- d. Read *The Deeply Formed Life* (chapters 3-4) by Rich Villodas.

Meeting #4 – Leading Conversations Across Dividing Lines

- a. Discuss chapters 3-4 of *The Deeply Formed Life* and review main themes from Meeting #2.
- b. Hold training/discussion on leading conversations across dividing lines and supporting the lead pastor.
- c. Read *How to Fight Racism* by Jemar Tisby.

Meeting #5 – Explore Practical Next Steps for the Church

- a. Discuss *How to Fight Racism*.
- b. Brainstorm practical steps to take within the church (prayer, sermons, book studies, events, etc).
- c. Develop a one-page statement on the church's commitment to neighborliness.
- d. Read *Reading While Black* by Esau McCaulley.

Meeting #6 – Create a 60-Day Corporate Action Plan

- a. Discuss *Reading While Black*.
- b. Create a 60-day corporate action plan to explore racial and economic justice in the church.
- c. Identify leaders for small groups (led by Neighborliness Team members).
- d. Curate a reading list, prayer initiatives, small groups, teaching series, and the corporate iDream Index.
- e. Read *Rethinking Incarceration* by Dominique DuBois Gilliard.

Meeting #7 – Develop a Strategic Plan for Sustained Engagement

- a. Discuss *Rethinking Incarceration*.
- b. Discuss results of the corporate iDream Index (corporate and updated leadership team results).
- c. Develop a hiring, key leaders, and board strategy that reflects the spirit of neighborliness.
- d. Discuss a new six-month framework and identify a Neighborliness Team leader.

