# LEADER'S GUIDE

Since 1946, Every Home for Christ has existed to inspire and empower the Church to carry Christ to their world. With local leaders in 155 countries, we are uniquely positioned to share the love of Jesus on a global scale.

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### WELCOME TO THE LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR BOX!

You've received this box because you are a pastor or ministry leader who longs to see your congregation walking with this purpose: to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. You already do so much to teach and shepherd others, from sermon preparation to pastoral care, administrative tasks, and community engagement. Your schedule can often be overwhelming. That's why we developed these tools with you in mind — to lighten your load.

The Love Your Neighbor (LYN) box, provided by Every Home for Christ, includes 12 kits with resources to help nourish your church's walk with Jesus and inspire them to pursue meaningful encounters with the people in their lives. These kits include practical and inspirational tools to make your role easier while enhancing your ministry's impact.

You can empower your congregation to be a beacon of love in your world. By leveraging these resources, you can create a culture within your community that brings about lasting change. We want to support you as you guide your congregation toward a deeper understanding and practice of loving their neighbors. As you dive into these kits, we pray they bless you and all the seeds you sow in your community and beyond.

## WHAT IS LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?



**It is a global initiative** of Every Home for Christ to inspire and empower churches to carry Christ to their world. Love Your Neighbor resources are currently used by churches in six languages across 25 nations.

**It is a free kit of resources** (print and digital) that are tailored to the current needs of American culture and aimed at sharing the good news.



# WHY LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR ?

#### It is Jesus's priority.

In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus says, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself." There is nothing more important than knowing God and making his love known.

#### God so loved, so we love.

The resources in this kit are meant to serve as an invitation to draw us beyond ourselves, toward one another, and ever nearer to Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus is something expressed both inwardly and outwardly. To participate in the wholeness of what we were created for, we can't leave either part out. As we grow in greater love for the Lord, he expands our capacity to love others.

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11).

#### An answer to a crisis.

It's no secret there is an epidemic of loneliness, anxiety, and polarization in our world today. The Love Your Neighbor initiative equips churches to navigate societal challenges by promoting Christ-centered spiritual growth practices, authentic community, and relational evangelism. Our tools aim to help churches bridge divides, meet felt needs, and engage in holistic witness that integrates acts of love with the transformative message of the gospel.

# WHAT IS INTHE BOX ?

This Love Your Neighbor box includes 12 LYN kits. Each kit includes:

1 Love Your Neighbor Guide

1 Love Your Neighbor Map

1 Discovery Method ·-·

12 Engagers

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The Love Your Neighbor Guide is the place to get started. It includes inspiration for a life of loving God and others and a 52-week action journal that helps you create a plan for carrying Christ to where you live, work, and play.

#### • LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR MAP

The Love Your Neighbor Map is a family-focused piece intended for all ages. It's a colorful and illustrated tour guide on this journey, full of fun ideas for connecting with your 12 closest neighbors. From learning their names and baking them cookies to praying for them and helping meet their needs, this map lets you visualize who lives around you, consider how you can best get to know them, and show them genuine gestures of love and care.





#### THE DISCOVERY METHOD

The Discovery Method is a simple yet rich model for studying the Bible. It is used in over 100 nations to disciple people of every age, education level, and cultural context into a fruitful relationship with Jesus. Each lesson uses nine strategic questions to help groups learn, engage, and apply the truths from a passage of scripture together.



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#### • ENGAGERS

Engagers are inspirational resources that address relevant cultural topics. For example, we might not know what to say to someone who is lonely or experiencing depression. Engagers share biblical insight into these and many other themes. They can also be handed out to someone we know who is going through a specific hardship. Each Engager has a link to resources online for further engagement.

Each kit contains 12 Engagers - two copies of six different titles.

Titles: You Are Amazing shares about our inherent selfworth and purpose as image-bearers of God.

**Need a Lifeline** teaches about the power of prayer and how we can all talk to God.

**Who Was He** shares the truth about who Jesus is in a world where everyone has their own opinion of him. **The Story of the Lost Sheep** was created specifically for children and breaks down the gospel easily for them to understand.

**God With Us** was uniquely created for Christmas and shares how Jesus came close to us to redeem humanity's story.

**The World Was Changed Forever** is an Easter Engager that shares the story of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday, pointing to the hope of the cross.

#### Utilize the Kit.

Now that you have a better idea of what makes up the Love Your Neighbor box, it's time to share each resource kit with a family or individual in your congregation and help kickstart their journey to loving their neighbor. The materials are flexible enough to use for a holiday initiative, dedicated outreach campaigns, or to integrate into the regular rhythms of your church as you see fit. To make it easy, we've provided an optional presentation template and a free LYN promo video. To access those and much more, visit **LYNKit.org** 

#### Join the Community.

Stay connected to receive expert ministry insights, urgent prayer requests, and stories from around the globe. We also want to hear from you! Please share your story and send us feedback to help us improve our tools.

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# HOWDOI PARTICIPATE?



#### Sow it Forward.

Not only can you impact your community, but your influence can stretch to the corners of the earth when your church provides LYN kits to other churches in need.

Sow it forward and give a LYN Kit here:



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For more information, to stay connected along the way, or to find additional digital resources, visit **LYNKit.org** 



