DECEMBER

Monthly Missional Challenge

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: *GIVE A GIFT!*



HOLIDAYS ARE FOR GIVING

Even Hallmark believes it! A beautiful part of our culture is that we promote holiday giving. And yet, it's likely your neighbors are used to the obligitory family gifts & not much else. Why not take the chance to connect & bless a nearby family or two or three with your generosity!

GOD IS GENEROUS

As Christians, we don't just muster up the will to give. We overflow from the source of all giving: the triune God. Like a well, it His nature to overflow. Receiving the continual outpouring of love in Christ, we can now turn around and bless someone else! He has sustained your breath, filled your stomach, given you a vocation, a family, a shelter, a church body - spread that love around!

MORE INFO

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STEPS TO TAKE

1. Identify a Neighbor in Need of Love. Maybe someone looks lonely, or you just have a hunch!
2. Think of their Life. What would bless them? Any needs? Any hobbies? Often food will do!
3. Ask 'em! Not sure what they like? At the mailbox, ask about their family! Their story!
4. A Simple Gift. The gesture is more important than the item. Food/sweets often do the trick!
5. Pray for Joy! Ask God that your baked good or sweet treat would be Christ's love to them.
6. Turn it into a Conversation. Drop it off in person & ask about family Christmas traditions!
7. Hope for Friendship. Pray that this could be the start of a friendship! For God to grow your love of neighbor.

IDEAS TO TRY

Not sure what to give? Let's Brainstorm!

- A plate of cookies or a pan of brownies
- Gift card to a local restaurant
- A holiday book meaningful from your childhood
- Festive chocolates (keep it simple!)
- Christmas ornament of their favorite team
- Goodie bag of snacks for their kids
- Box of diapers or wipes if they have babies

Bonus Challenge: *Want to step up the intentionality? Write a friendly note! State a reason you're grateful to have them as a neighbor. Tell them what you're praying for their family this Christmas (then actually pray!).*