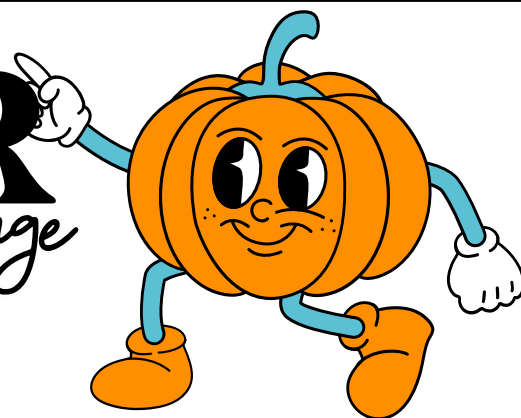


# OCTOBER

*Monthly Missional Challenge*

## KNOW THEIR NAMES!



### YOUR NEIGHBOR'S LIMP

If your neighbor was physically limping across their yard, you'd probably run over and ask if you could help. Spiritually speaking, they are! A dead heart is a serious condition.

**Sin has a deadening effect on life, but it doesn't have to stay that way.** Your neighbors can be freed!

### JESUS' PERSPECTIVE

When Jesus saw the crowds, he saw them as helpless. Even if you don't know all your neighbor's life circumstances, you can guarantee that without Jesus, they are, too. Let's have the heart of Jesus that does something about it!

**Start by getting to know the names of the eternal souls in your backyard.** Baby steps!

### MORE INFO

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Grab your challenge bookmark at church on Sunday!

### STEPS TO TAKE

- 1. Ask for Help.** Pray for courage to initiate. For love that sincerely cares. For a new friendship!
- 2. Keep an Eye Out.** Let your glances out the window prompt you to ask God to reach them.
- 3. Spend Time Outside.** Easier to strike up a conversation when not cooped up indoors!
- 4. Be Interruptible.** Identify flexible parts of your day you can be interrupted: coming home from work? Mowing the lawn? On family walks?
- 5. Eagerly Anticipate.** Go through your normal routines, hoping to bump into your neighbors!
- 6. Challenge Yourself.** Already know most neighbors? Meet the 1 or 2 you never have!
- 7. Be You.** If you're nervous & feel awkward, God knows your heart. Trust God will use your unique personality to bless your neighbor.

### IDEAS TO TRY

If you feel frozen on how to initiate, you're not alone! Think through a few prompts:

- **Feel free to be honest:** *"Sorry it's been all these years, and I never got your name! How long has your family been in the area?"*
- **Ask simple questions:** *"Remind me your name? Job? What brought you to Livingston County?"*

Praise God if you get any interaction at all! It is **countercultural to care about others**. God can use that! He specializes in using imperfect people.