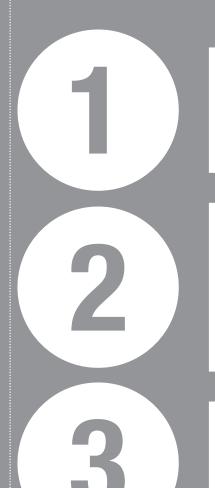
# **NEIGHBORING TOOLKIT**

THE TOOLS WE NEED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS MARK 10:17-31

BELOW IS A BRAINSTORM OF THE PHYSICAL, RELATIONAL, MENTAL, SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL TOOLS THAT CAN BE USEFUL IN NEIGHBORING. THIS IS BY NO MEANS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST, RATHER A GOOD WAY TO GET US THINKING OF ALL THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU TO LOVE THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU.



## PHYSICAL // OUR STUFF

- Place (house, yard, common areas)
  Money
  Food (make & share, or borrow)
  Firepit
  Tools & Equipment (Lawnmower, Snowblower, tools, etc.)
  Physical labor (acts of service)
  Vehicles (truck, trailer, etc.)
  Clothes, Coats, shoes

# Friendliness / Genuine kindness Boundless Hospitality Curiosity—Listen, ask questions Honesty / Authenticity Your kids can be great relational connectors Your pets can also help build relational bridges Observation—Be the "eyes and ears" Peacemaking—Conflict mediation Encouragement—Find the positive in people Presence—Be there Patience—Slow down, pay attention Smile **RELATIONAL // PEOPLE SKILLS & PEOPLE CONNECTIONS**

### **MENTAL // KNOWLEDGE**

- Story of God (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration)
  Bible—Scriptures and stories that can be inserted into conversations
  Current Events—Know what's happening in the world and in your community
  Experience from your work, life, family, parents, mentors
  Education
  Abilities / Skills
  Referrals—If you can't help yourself, who do you know that can?
  Curiosity—Learn from your neighbors

### **SPIRITUAL // GIFTS THAT COME FROM GOD**

- Discernment
  Trust / Faith
  Your Story of Faith
  Fruits of the Spirit
  (love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control)
  Gifts of the Spirit
  (teaching, evangelism, shepherding, prophecy, apostleship (leadership), etc.
  Prayer
  Hospitality
  Compassion
  The Word of God
  Authenticity / Empathy / Encouragement
  Love

- Grace
  The Holy Spirit
  Listening (Listen until they have nothing more to say)



# **EMOTIONAL // INNER TRAITS (NOT NECESSARILY SPIRITUAL)**

- Self Awareness—Understanding your emotions, knowing your strengths, weaknesses Self Regulation—The ability to control your emotions/impulses—you handle your anger, jealousy, etc.

  Motivation—Going after Neighboring with passion and drive but with the right motives
- and pace
  Emotional Intelligence / Intuition—How we read and handle
  conversations / room atmospher
  Empathy—Putting yourself in someone elses shoes—not quick to judge
  Social Skills—Manage disputes, build and maintain /relationships team, communicate well
  Drive / Passion—Relentless pursuit and love toward others
  Practice good no matter the results—Follow the Jesus Way, and don't sweat it.

"ISN'T EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND EVERYTHING YOU ARE SHEER GIFTS FROM GOD?" -I CORINTHIANS 4:7