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MATTHEW 7:16

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

IN THIS SEASON
AUTUMN 2020

Now is an amazing opportunity for the church, which is us, to step up and be salt and light in a time of despair. We want to equip you to go and be that salt and light in your community with your local neighbourhood. There are many practical and SAFE ways we can go about this. Here is a bunch of ideas for you to put into action over the coming weeks and months. These may just be the starting point where God will give you specific ideas and plans for your neighbourhood! We would so love to hear your stories as you step out and Serve your Neighbour so we can encourage others. Email community@oasischurchperth.com with any stories or photos.

**ALWAYS
WITH
COMPASSION**

- Drop a HELLO note into your neighbour's letterbox or at the front door. You can download one from the Oasis website.
- Invite your neighbours to join a WhatsApp or alternative messaging platform group, to keep in touch and support one another.
- Leave a note of encouragement wherever you go today! If you are at the grocery store, leave a handwritten note of hope on the shelves. If you are at work, leave a note on your co-worker's desk. Wherever you go today, you can share your hope with others.
- If the world will know us by our fruit, (Matthew 7:16) then we can surely show our neighbours, family and city God through our actions. Reach out to your neighbours and family and ask how you can pray for them. The Bible is filled with God's promises that you can speak over them! Take time to call those you love and share God's love with them through conversation and prayer.
- Check-in with your elderly neighbours. The media has been explicit with the danger COVID-19 brings to the elderly population and many will be fearful of getting basic needs. Offer to pick up groceries, cleaning supplies or any other needs to help bring them peace!
- Walk around your neighbourhood and pray for protection over the homes and families living within them. A simple prayer of protection can be, "Thank you, Jesus, for your hand of protection over this home. Thank you for hearing my prayers. Send your angels to guard us, keep us and bring peace into this house.
- Ask your neighbours if they need any groceries! You might have some to spare or have the time they do not to make grocery runs. Whether it be a case of water, canned goods or cleaning supplies, anything helps!
- Many people are unable to maintain the needs of their homes at this time. Knock on your neighbour's door and ask if there are any household chores they may need help with. Maybe they need their yard cut, floors mopped or lights change.
- Take time today to check in with the mental and emotional state of yourself and your neighbours. Ask any of the questions below that you feel comfortable asking and be ready to pray with them. A simple prayer for anxiety, "Lord, you know my heart and my thoughts. I pray you to bring rest to my anxious mind and peace to my heart. You are the provider and I trust you to take care of me and my family.



- Have your kids make cards for your neighbours or for local aged care homes, take a photo, scan and then email them! You could include the scripture and promises found in the bible to bring joy to your neighbourhood.
- Surprise your neighbour with some treats! Whether it be store-bought cookies, cake or lollies, you can never go wrong with sugary snacks. If you have the time, you can make a gift basket!
- If you have the finances, you could order in some food from a local small business that has moved to take away menus for a neighbour. An added bonus of supporting local business.
- Leave a note on your neighbour's car to find before they leave for work. Whether it be a blessing for their day or a simple reminder that you are praying for them, show them that they are valued.
- Support a local teacher or school staff member who is continuing to work despite their own anxieties and family situations with an encouraging note and/or some chocolates or sweet treat.
- Support local health care workers in your area. Could be a medical centre, hospital or chemist. Send an encouraging email or note to express support and gratitude to the work they are doing.
- Many neighbourhoods have small businesses who have been affected by the changes. Reach out and encourage them. Ask if you can pray for a need they have. Can you share their business on social media to support them?

Am I feeling stressed or anxious?

Have I prayed for my emotional health and asked God to give me strength?

Am I drinking enough water?

Am I taking in life-giving information more than fear-inducing news?

Who am I being open with about my thoughts, fears, questions during this time?