

SERVE THE CITY GUIDE

HERE ARE THREE STEPS TO HELP YOUR GROUP MOBILIZE.

STEP 1: IDENTIFY

The key to engaging others in conversation around serving is being able to ask good questions. Sometimes this can be difficult or intimidating in a group setting. Don't worry...the **Serve The City Guide** is your key to finding out your group's passions. You can use this and the conversation guide together to identify:

- **Where God is already at work within your group.**
- **What is your group passionate about?**
- **What breaks their heart/moves them to action?**
- **Where are they already serving as individuals?**

STEP 2: CONNECT

Once you have had the ability to work through the **Conversation Guide**, the next step is to connect what God is doing in your group with where God is moving in your community.

- **What are the needs?**
- **Where is the opportunity?**
- **How can we serve?**
- **What can be done?**

STEP 3: COMMIT

If you are going to receive pushback from members in your group, this is where it will happen. Some of it comes from not having served before and they are intimidated. Others will push because it means extra time. Don't get frustrated as these are natural reactions people exhibit when they are asked to leave their "comfort zone."

At Center Pointe, we believe that part of our responsibility is to advance God's Kingdom in the world whether that be Liberty Township, Central Ohio, or the world (Acts 1:8). We are called to care for our neighbors and the best way we can do this is through small groups. We ask our groups to commit to serving each term and those groups who develop long term relationships with partner ministries have the best participation rate and are more consistent in investing in their community.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHERE TO SERVE

What breaks your heart/moves you to action? (Circle top 3)

- Homelessness
- Hunger
- Lack of Access to Education
- Children in Crisis (Adoption/Foster)
- Families in Crisis (Illness, Relationship, etc.)
- Human Trafficking
- Crisis Pregnancy
- Spiritual Lostness
- Nations/Immigrant Unreached Peoples
- Neighbors
- Next Generations/College Campuses
- Refugee Crisis
- Crisis Caused by Natural Disaster/Terrorism

What things do you perceive as wrong, unjust or unfair in this world that you would like to see made right?

What life experiences have you walked through (positive/negative) that God could use/is using to help comfort others?

Are there ministries/organizations that you'd like to be a part of, or issues you'd like to work to end, but don't know how or where to start?

Share what you think may be your top three burdens with the group.