



+ What is Neighborhood Initiative?

A work that God initiated:

Neighborhood Initiative is not a program, but a work that God is introducing to bring revival in His Church and transformation to cities. Like a living organism, NI starts small like the tiny mustard seed and has the potential to change the culture of churches and society today.

The Vision:

“The Whole Church Taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole City One Neighborhood at a Time”

Breaking it down:

- The objective is to reach your whole city with the love of Jesus in the following ways:
 - Equip those in your church to love their neighbors.
 - Encourage multiple pastors and churches to work together to bring the love of God to your city.
 - Empowering believers from different churches in your city to work together in neighborhoods to bring the love of Jesus to each neighbor.
- It involves the following:
 - Expanding the level of prayer in your own life to include praying for your neighbors
 - Getting to know your neighbors
 - Developing relationship with them
 - Spending time together
 - Sharing life together (parties, dinners, fun, etc.)
 - Serving them and being served
 - Becoming concerned about their lives and meeting needs
 - Seeing how God is at work in their lives
 - Sharing one another's stories and if God opens a door, sharing His story.
 - Establishing a Neighborhood Group (i.e. a Discovery Bible Study)

+ Why Neighborhood Initiative?

- It is a Movement of God to engage the body of Christ to work together.
- It unites Pastors and Churches around a common purpose and allows us to work together to achieve it.
- It opens the gates to the kingdom of God to infiltrate cities and to reduce crime and immorality.
- It is motivated by God's love for people in a natural and authentic way.
- It captures the evangelistic heart for relational compassion, serving others, and manifestation of God's power and presence.
- It is Jesus' Simple Plan. Matthew 10:11-14; Luke 10:1-9
 - The home becomes the center and place from which the ministry of Jesus flows.
 - Whole households can be saved.
- It links the Great Commandment, the Great Commission, and Jesus' prayer for unity in John 17.



+ How do I get NI started in our church?

- **It starts with prayer.**
 - Neighborhood Initiative was birthed in prayer, which continues to be a regular practice of those who find success in neighbor-ing. You should have an intercessory prayer team for this work and also encourage your people to pray regularly for their neighbors.
- **Pastors need to teach and model it.**
 - This is not a program, but a new lifestyle and culture you are introducing into your church. You are leading people in your church to become missionaries where they live.
 - Read the NI book, begin to preach on loving your neighbor as yourself, and share your own personal experiences in your neighborhood. Have those in your congregation share their neighborhood stories in your church gatherings.
- **Leaders are key players in the implementation of NI.**
 - Encourage the staff and/or leaders of your church to read *Neighborhood Initiative and the Love of God*. You might want to take them through the book using the Leader's and Participant's Guides that are available at the NI website (neighborhoodinitiative.org) entitled Living a Kairos Life.
 - Invite your small group leaders to take their small groups through the NI book using the Leader's and Participant's Guide.
 - (Optional Approach) Ask a key leader(s) to begin Neighborhood Initiative training using the NI book and the Leader's and Participant's Guides. Start small groups out of the training that are focused on loving their neighbors.
- **Appoint a Leader(s) to introduce NI.** The pastor and leader(s) should work together with the small group leader(s) to plan and initiate NI in your congregation. This will require sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to see what will work best with your congregation.
- **As your people learn from the NI training, begin to encourage your people to engage with those in their neighborhoods.** Prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit, a Leader(s), and on going stimulation (Hebrews 10:24, 25) from the stories shared in their small groups are what keeps NI sustainable with those in your church.

+ Here is a *Sample* plan to implement NI.

1. **Seed the NI book** into key leaders such as staff, elders, church leaders, etc. Optional: use "Living a Kairos Life" as a companion for discussion and application.
2. **Select a Leader** from among the key leaders or any other person who emerges with leadership and a passion for NI.
3. **Geographic Small Groups:** If your small groups are already set up geographically, begin to introduce your NI plan with your existing small groups.



4. **Second option: If your small groups are not set up geographically, map out and identify the most densely populated areas** where people from your church live to locate where to plant “Neighborhood Groups.”
5. **A third option: Establish a pilot/leadership team from your church** that desires to move out missionally in one of the team member’s neighborhoods and let it grow.
6. **Appoint Neighborhood Group Leader(s).**
7. **Start a Neighborhood Group**
 - a. Start to pray for that region
 - b. Take the group through *Neighborhood Initiative and the Love of God* using the *Living a Kairos Life* Leader’s and Participant’s Guides
 - c. Encourage relationship building among the Neighborhood Group Members and with their neighbors. (Refer to NI Resources for ideas.)
 - d. Seek out other believers in your neighborhood and begin to develop relationship with them. You might want to start a neighborhood house of prayer.
 - e. Host regular events to foster belonging among neighbors such as barbeques, block parties etc. This will help people feel included.
8. Start a weekly Neighborhood Discovery Bible Study or another small group approach.

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- **Gather pastors from your city to pray and develop relationship for an NI movement in your community.** Give each of them an NI book to read and discuss during your gatherings. Optional: Use the Leader’s and Participant’s Guides.
- **Encourage your people to invite other believers in their neighborhoods to join them in loving their neighbors.**

✚ How can I order NI books?

- ***Neighborhood Initiative and the Love of God*** is available at neighborhoodinitiative.org.
- It is my intent to make the books as reasonable as possible. I am not about selling books, but seeing God’s kingdom advance. For bulk purchases please email me at lynn Cory@neighborhoodinitiative.org. I will work with you. Lynn

