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7 Ways / 7 Days Mini-Challenge

Some simple ways to start thinking new thoughts about outreach to kids in your neighborhood.

DAY 1	<p>Ask God to help you feel what He feels for this neighborhood. Then read Matthew 18:12-14. Who are the "little ones" in verse 14? (Go back and read the first few verses.) Talk to God about it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extra Credit: Invite a friend to do the 7 days/7 ways challenge with you.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAY 2	<p>Ask God to help you get to know the facts and figures in your neighborhood. Go to a websites like www.mapszipcode.com and http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/index.html</p> <p>What did you find out about your neighborhood that surprised you? What did you find out that you expected?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extra Credit: Go to your local school's website. What did you find there that surprises you?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DAY 3	<p>Ask God to help you hear things this week. Contact (call/email/FB) a family in your neighborhood. Ask them questions and just listen. Don't give feedback. Questions like, "What do you think are the biggest needs of the kids in our community?" "What do you think are the biggest needs for families in our neighborhood?" "What are some really positive things happening for kids in our community?" "What are some gaps?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Extra Credit: Ask the same questions of a churched and unchurched family in your neighborhood. How do their answers differ?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DAY 4	<p>Ask God to open your eyes to your neighborhood kids. Go to your neighborhood school – before school or after school would be best. Get out and walk around it. Where are kids going? What are they doing? What do they look like? What do they need?</p> <p>Extra Credit: Talk to a teacher or school principal and ask what they see as the top 3 strengths and top 3 needs in their school/your neighborhood. Just listen.</p>
DAY 5	<p>Ask God to help you discover new things about the kids in your neighborhood. Do you know a kid or a family you can talk to in your neighborhood? Go talk to him, her. What is life like as a kid? With what does he like to play? How does he spend his time when he gets out of school? What does he want to do when he grows up? What is he collecting? If he could change anything in his neighborhood, what would he change?</p> <p>Extra Credit: If you know them, take them out for a date at the park and play with them. Let them direct the time.</p>
DAY 6	<p>Ask God to show you who else cares about the kids in this neighborhood. Are there any churches or other organizations in the neighborhood that are doing things for kids? Who? Start a list of people that you may want to talk to.</p> <p>Extra Credit: Who are the "forgotten children" in your neighborhood? Make a list. Is anything being done for them? Pray and ask God to open your eyes to find out more information.</p>
DAY 7	<p>Ask God to open your mind to his ways and plan this week. Reflect on everything you have felt, heard, seen, done. Know that God has a plan. Ask him for the next step.</p> <p>Extra Credit: Do a written or a 2-minute video journal about the week. Share it.</p>

