

Grow Guide
Home week 2

1. Do you know your neighbors, your co-workers. Do you converse? Have you found common ground with them? Who might become your friend quicker, someone a thousand miles away, who might think like you, or someone next door who shares common experiences on a daily basis?

2. Where did the Apostles first witness to people after Jesus resurrection? Did they travel far? To whom did they witness?

3. Read John 3:16-17 and 1Timothy 2:1-4. Why witness to others? Why care about anyone but yourself? God has expressed His message of salvation to us, but He IS perfect. Who would you rather have explain to you about your sin, the author of perfection, or someone who struggles with, yet triumphs over, the same sins you commit?

4. So, now, we're ready to witness to others, where is it best to start? A journalism teacher once told me to 'write about what you know.'. Witnessing can be like that. Start where you're comfortable and use the common ground you have. But, how do we start? Read Matthew 12:28-31 and Hebrews 13:1-2. Loving others is a great way to begin, and hospitality is one way to show that.

5. Read Matthew 25:34-36, 40. What ideas does this scripture give us about witnessing in our community? Besides those helped specifically, who or what else does this kind of witness help? Doing these good deeds not only help the recipients, it enriches ourselves and the community, as well.

6. Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. After we have helped our neighbors and community, they are open to us. This gives us the opportunity to do what?

8. To sum this all up and make it more memorable, Dan had 3 things he mentioned that we should be intentional about. What were they?

So get to know and love your community. Use common ground as a stepping stone. Share God's plan and make a difference where you live. And... If they are willing, invite your neighbors and friends to Eastpointe, where they can be enriched, and, maybe, enrich us, as well.

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