



# LIFEGROUP SERVE THE CITY GUIDE

## STEP 1: IDENTIFY

### Beginning the Conversation

People that are good at engaging others in conversation know the key is being able to ask good questions! We've developed a tool to help you do just that (check out the Serve the City Conversation Starter)

Using this tool should help you identify where:

- God is already at work within your group.
- What is your group passionate about?
- What breaks their heart?
- Where are they already serving as individuals?

We recommend that you allow everyone to write down their answers individually, then once all the questions have been answered, debrief as a group.



## STEP 2: CONNECT

### Connecting the Burden with the Need

Once you've worked through the conversation starter 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?
- What can be done?
- How can we serve?

This is often the stage that Lifegroups get stuck in, and understandably so. We hear two sticking points most often:

1.) We don't know where the needs are.

OR

2.) We are overwhelmed by the great amount of need and don't know where to start.

We want to simplify the process for you! Use the key below to help connect your group with known opportunities that match what motivates your group's heart to serve.



URGENT NEED



HOMELESS



HUNGER



FOSTER CARE/  
ADOPTION



COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH



INTERNATIONALS/  
REFUGEES



HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING



PRISON  
MINISTRY

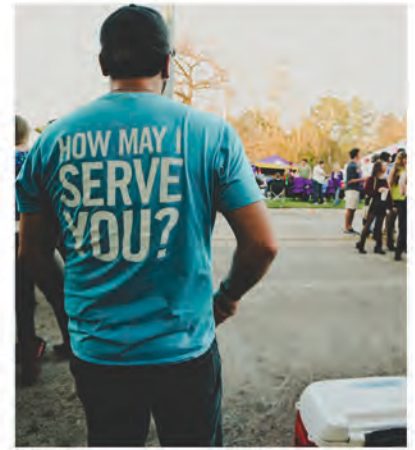


FAMILY FRIENDLY  
OPPORTUNITY

## STEP 3: INVEST / COMMIT

### Investing in God's Activity

The most critical step - and the hardest to take. **Don't be afraid to set the expectation of participation for your group members.** This can be a bit scary for someone as they step into potential unfamiliarity. Some may push against being involved, it's true that extra time and being uncomfortable doesn't often scream "participation," so be patient, but firm – reminding your group that the core value of reaching priority is part of our church, our Lifegroups, and our individual walks with Christ.



Perhaps you as a leader feel a bit wary of leading your group in this initiative. Feel free to contact us at [missions@lifepointohio.com](mailto:missions@lifepointohio.com). Chances are, we can connect you with another group that has the same burden and your groups can combine in the effort, or perhaps you (or someone in your group) can shadow another leader / group member that has served in that organization before. **We ask that groups commit to serving with the same partner each term through the year (if that is an option).** We find that groups that form long term relationships with a ministry partner have a much better participation rate and are much more consistent in investing in their community.

