



# Witness Conversation Cards

Conversation starters about the core competencies your church needs for mission

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are the strengths your church brings to the mission field?
- What are the weaknesses you might need help with?

## ACTION STEPS

This exercise includes 8 conversation starters for you to lead discussions about these and other questions. Use these cards to keep the conversation going—and contact us at Resonate Global Mission with questions and to find out what to do next!

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# Live as a larger community of faith

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Core Competency #1



**We are a part of a larger community of faith and we work with the church worldwide to embody God's mission together.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Galatians 3:26-29

## **ICEBREAKER**

What are you a member of?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- What unique skills and gifts does your faith community contribute to the Church?
- What skills or gifts is your faith community lacking?
- What is something you appreciate or admire about a local faith community that is not your own?
- What local partners help your faith community live and share the gospel?

## **ACTION STEPS**

Write and send a thank you note to a partner in the gospel. That could be another local congregation or a global organization.

## **PRAYER PROMPT**

Thank God for your church's ministry partners and pray for specific ways that God can bless them.



# Root ourselves in God's Word

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Core Competency #2

**We are rooted in God's Word, which shapes us to be like Jesus in the world.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

1 John 2:4-8

## **ICEBREAKER**

What is your favorite memory verse or Scripture passage, and why?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- Which words or actions of Jesus surprise you the most?
- Tell about a time when someone was representing Jesus to you in their words or actions.
- How did Jesus' words and actions point to the renewal of all things?
- What does the renewal of all things mean to you?
- How does the renewal of all things give you hope?
- What does it look like to share that hope with others?

## **ACTION STEPS**

Choose one story where Jesus' words or actions point to the renewal of all things and read it every day for one week. What do you notice as you read the same story each day? How does it come to shape your own life?

## **PRAYER PROMPT**

Pray for specific ways that you want to be more like Jesus.





# Pray together

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Core Competency #3



**We pray with and for our neighbors, and for the flourishing of all of God's creation.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 29:4-7

## **ICEBREAKER**

Who is your favorite neighbor and why?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- What would peace and prosperity look like in your community? How can you pray for that?
- List community leaders, businesses, and organizations that could be incorporated into upcoming communal prayers. What will you pray for them?

## **ACTION STEPS**

Write down the name of a neighbor, a location, or an organization in your community that you will pray for everyday this week. Write down 5 ways that you pray God will bless them.

## **PRAYER PROMPT**

Pray for the flourishing of the neighborhood around your church building.





# Listen to the Spirit

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Core Competency #4



# We listen to the Spirit, believing that the Spirit is already at work in our communities.

## SCRIPTURE

1 Thess 1:4-9

## ICEBREAKER

What is one thing about you that would surprise others?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- Ruth Haley Barton says, "Discernment, in the most general sense, is the capacity to recognize and respond to the presence and activity of God- both in the ordinary moments and in the larger decisions of our lives." How do you sense God is already at work in the ordinary moments in the life of your community?
- What are some clues that the power of the Holy Spirit is at work in you and in your community?

## ACTION STEPS

Write a breath prayer that invites the Spirit's leading. A breath prayer uses one short phrase when you inhale and another short phrase when you exhale. Commit to breathing this prayer multiple times throughout the coming week.

## PRAYER PROMPT

Pray that God will give you eyes to see where the Spirit is working and ears to hear the Spirit's prompting.



# Be intentionally present

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Core Competency #5

# We are intentionally present where God has placed us.

## SCRIPTURE

Col. 4:2-6

## ICEBREAKER

What is your favorite restaurant in your city?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- Where do you spend the most amount of time, outside of your home or church building, in your community? What do you notice there?
- Recall the last conversation you had with someone. Was it easier to do more talking or listening? What did you learn about them?
- Where have you been present in your community that made you uncomfortable? How did you manage that anxiety?

## ACTION STEPS

Choose one place in your community, outside of your home, church building, or workplace, where you will be intentionally present for at least 30 minutes this week. What do you see? What do you hear? What did you learn? Close this time with a prayer for what you've experienced here.

## PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for one place in your church building's neighborhood that needs God's healing.



# Take simple action steps

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Core Competency #6

We take small, practical action steps, while recognizing that God is at work in our long obedience in the same direction.

## SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:3-9

## ICEBREAKER

How many steps does it take you to get to your mailbox?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?

## ACTION STEPS

Brainstorm small, tangible steps that can show love to someone in your community. This week try one of the steps that you've never done before or with someone you've never met

## PRAYER PROMPT

Pray for one neighbor by name.





# Learn from reflection

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Core Competency #7



**We learn from taking time for intentional reflection about our role in congregational gospel witness and we adapt to new realities.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

Col. 1:3-8

## **ICEBREAKER**

Tell about a memorable school assignment you once did.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- How do you sense the spiritual component of your neighborhood has changed recently?
- What happens when you take time to reflect on a previous experience?

## **ACTION STEPS**

Tell about an interaction you had with someone in your community, maybe it was a conversation or an act of love. What did you learn about yourself? What did you learn about the other person or your community? How did you sense God at work?

## **PRAYER PROMPT**

Pray that God will use you to be Jesus' hands and feet in your neighborhood.



# Look for opportunities to share

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Core Competency #8

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**We look for opportunities to share the Good News of Christ's reconciling work for the redemption and renewal of all things.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

2 Cor 4:3-7

## **ICEBREAKER**

What is a book or movie you recommend? Why?

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- What word or phrase captures your attention in this Scripture passage?
- What is God's good news in your own life?
- What hope do you think your community needs to hear?

## **ACTION STEPS**

Write down 3 specific ways you are seeing God at work in your own life. If you have a neighbor you know well, write down 3 specific ways you are seeing God at work in their life too.

## **PRAYER PROMPT**

Pray for opportunities to share how God is working in your life.