



love where you live

PEOPLE BECOMING THE CHURCH

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Dear newlifer,

Have you ever wondered why God placed you in the family, workplace, city, or neighborhood you are in?

Could it be that the God who created you – who knows everything there is to know about you – designed you as a force of love for where you live?

What if God's plan for your neighbors, coworkers, family, and friends to experience his transforming love is YOU?

This is your LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE workbook. Let it be your guide to explore how God's great love for you connects with God's great love for others.

Keep this book and look back on it often. And as you do, may God's love for you flow through you into your friends, coworkers, and neighbors. May his love ignite in you a commitment – full of hope and confidence – to **LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE**.

*Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you
have been given, and then sink yourself into that . . .*

Galatians 6:4 (MSG)

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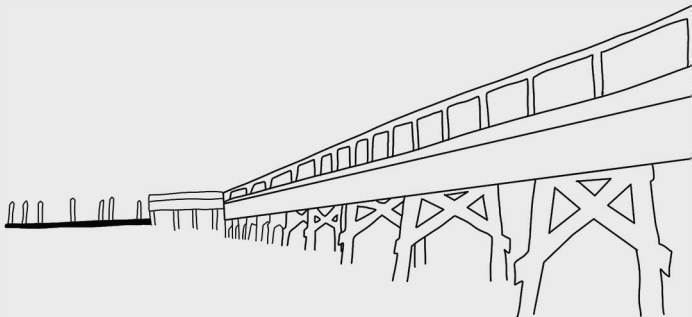
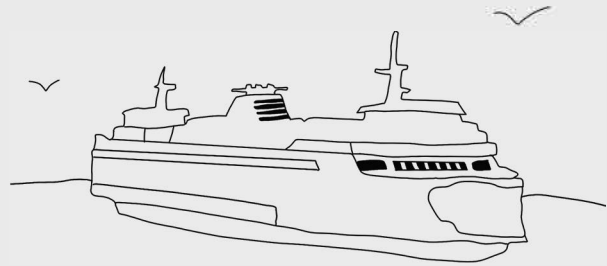
Started on:

JESUS

“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”
– Jesus (in John 20:21)

Jesus shows us what God is like. And, what is God like? How did Jesus live when he walked among us in human flesh?

He brought hope and healing to people where he lived, worked, and played. And now, he’s sending you.



LIVE

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. John 1:14 (MSG)

Jesus lived in a physical place with actual people.

(Nazareth. 1st Century Palestine. Under Roman occupation.)

QUESTION

How would you describe the importance of Jesus becoming human to someone who is new to faith?

WORK

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23 (NLT)

Jesus had a job. He was a carpenter who apprenticed with his earthly father, Joseph. Jesus knew what it was like to get up on Monday and go to work. "My Father is always working, and so am I." (Jesus, in John 5:17).

QUESTION

What does Jesus think about work?

PLAY

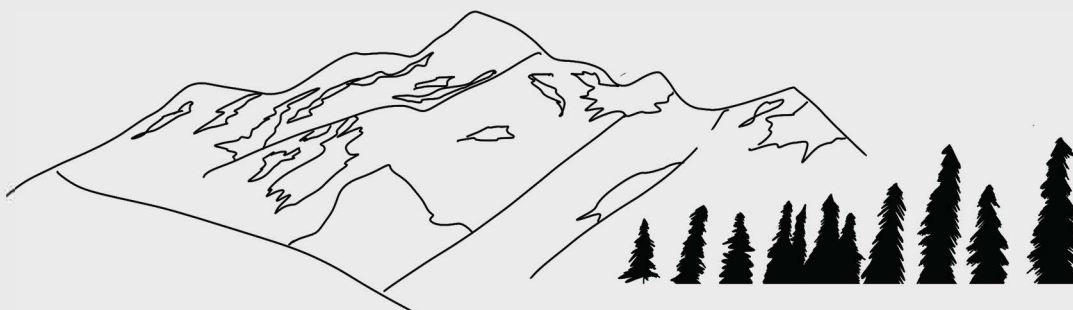
"The Son of Man came eating and drinking . . ."

– Jesus, in Matthew 11:19

Jesus could usually be found at a meal or celebration with people. He seemed to think that God was not only present at the temple, but in every part of our lives.

QUESTION

What were some things Jesus did to connect with people?



YOU | WHAT IS YOUR SHAPE?

“Before God can do a great work through you, he must do a great work in you.”

WHAT IS YOUR SHAPE?

You were created specifically and intentionally by God. How did God make you? You can use the acronym **SHAPE** to think about it. **Scan the QR code to take the spiritual gifts test.**



Scan the QR code to take your assessments.

S – What are some of your spiritual gifts? *Circle 3:*

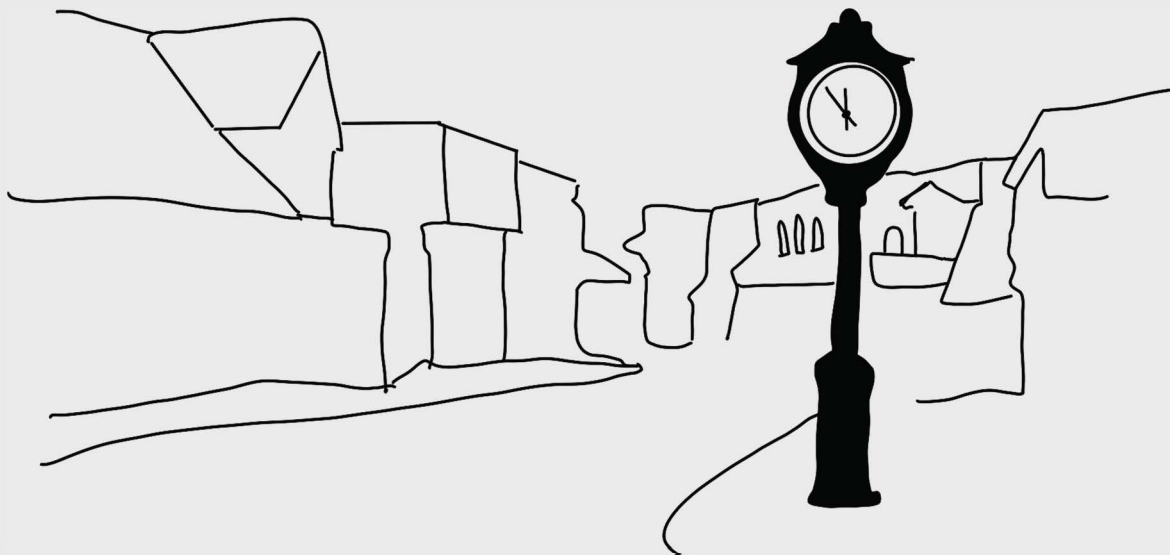
Administration Mercy Giving Serving Wisdom
Discernment Evangelism Healing Miracles Faith

H – What moves your heart?
What are your top 2 passions?

A – What do you have aptitude for?
List 3 skills you have:

P – What is your personality type?
(Introvert? Extravert? Myers Briggs? Enneagram? Disc?) Scan the QR code to the left take your assessments.

E – What are some positive and negative experiences from your life? *List 3-4:*



YOU | HOW ARE YOU DOING?

“Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**”
 – Jesus in Matthew 22:37-39

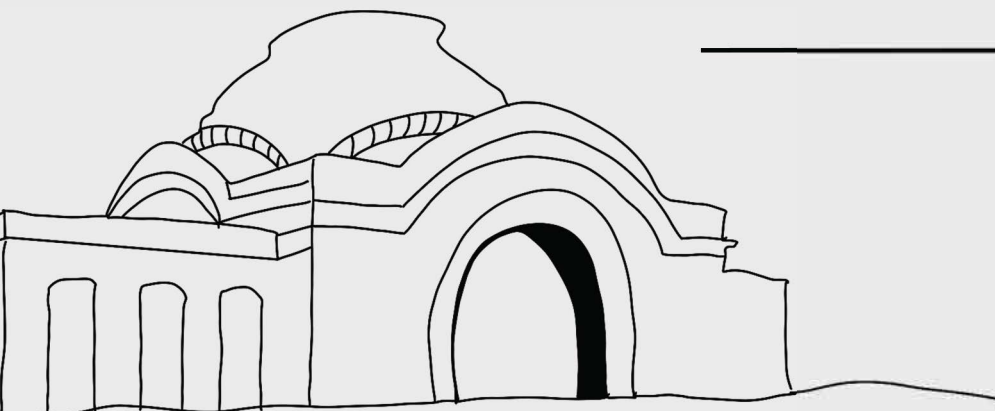
To love others well, we start by receiving all of God’s love for ourselves.

So, how are you doing? How healthy do you feel?

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Pick two of the areas above. How have you experienced God’s love in those areas recently?

***PRO TIP:** Take a minute to thank God for showing you his love in those areas.



YOU | WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Jesus often asked people
“What do you want?”

(SEE: John 1:38, Matthew 20:32;
Mark 10:51; Luke 18:41)

So, if Jesus asked you the same question,
what would you say?



1. So, what do you want? Write down whatever comes to mind.

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| 13. | 28. |
| 14. | 29. |
| 15. | 30. |

***PRO TIP:** When you’ve filled in the easy ones, keep going . .

2. Sort your answers into three categories:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

3. Circle one category that feels the most important to you.

4. What is the thing you want most in that category?

Write a prayer to God. Tell him what you want and why:

MISSION | THE INTERSECTION

Your calling is the intersection of **the world's greatest needs** and **your greatest passion**.

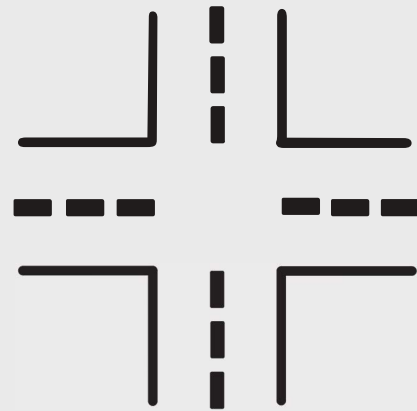
The mission of God is to heal this world and make all things new.

WHY?

What are some problems you see in our community and world? Why do these problems break your heart?

HOW?

How has God uniquely gifted you? What are you passionate about?



WHAT?


So, what's your part? Where do your passions meet the problems in our community and world?

LIVE | GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

What do you love about where you live?

IDEAS

Job opportunities, schools, people?
Favorites: coffee shop, restaurants, parks
Hobbies: hikes, fishing, art?



Find out more
about where you live

Who are your neighbors?



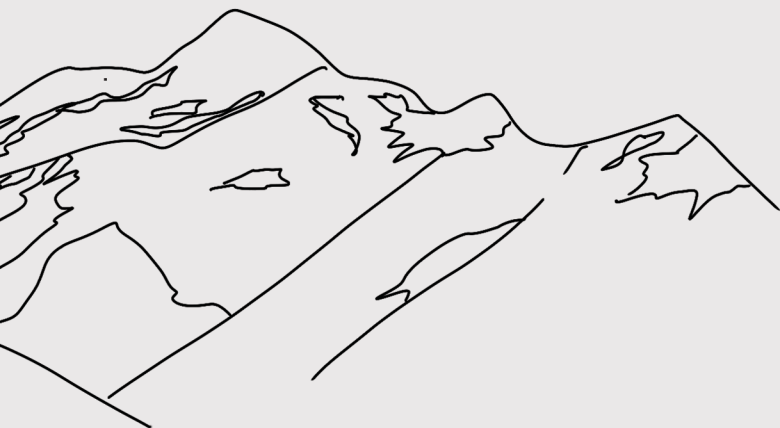
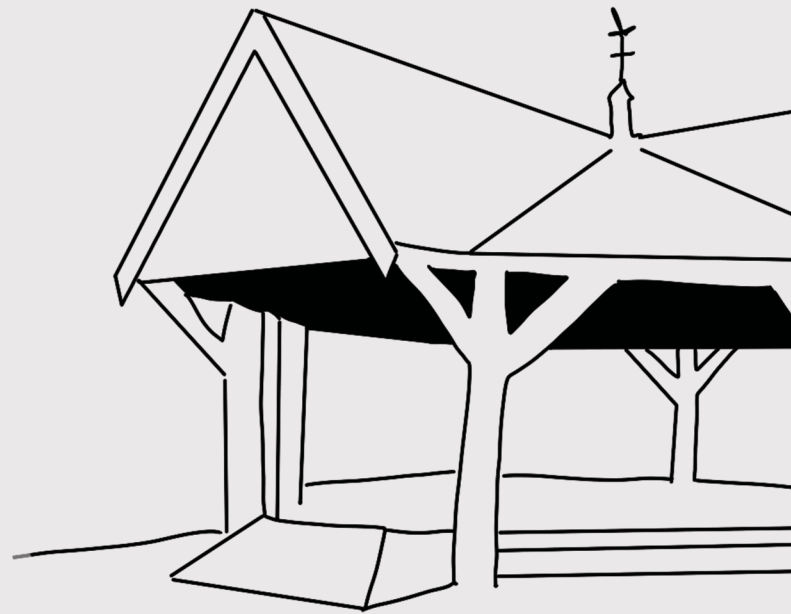
Fill out this chart with 3 things:

1. Your neighbors' names
2. Something you know about them
3. What you are praying for

Write a prayer for your neighbors:

LIVE | 8 WAYS TO BE MISSIONAL

- 1. Eat with your neighbors.** Make a habit of sharing meals with friends & neighbors not yet following Jesus.
- 2. Walk, Don't Drive.** Get out and walk around your neighborhood, apartment complex, or campus. You'll meet more people than you'd think!
- 3. Be a Regular.** Instead of hopping all over the place for gas, groceries, haircuts, eating out, and coffee, go to the same places repeatedly. Get to know the staff by name.
- 4. Hobbies with friends.** Pick a hobby that you can share. Get out and do something you enjoy with others.



- 5. Talk to Your Co-workers.** Show interest in your co-workers. Pick a couple to pray for.
- 6. Volunteer with Non-Profits.** Find people doing good work and join in.
- 7. Participate in City Events.** Attend local fundraisers, festivals, summer shows, and concerts.
- 8. Serve your Neighbors.** Help a neighbor with a project or their kids. Show up to neighborhood meetings and serve where you can.

WORK | YOUR PLACE ON THE WALL

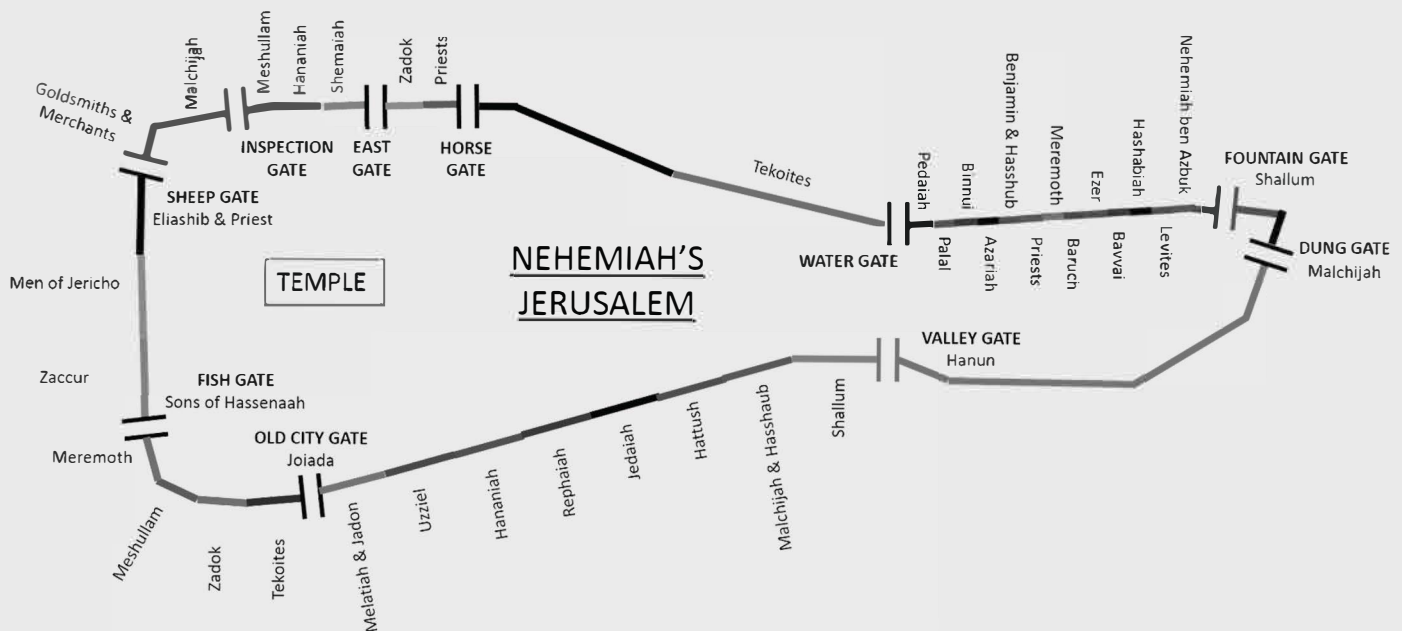
Jerusalem fell to Babylon in 586 BC. The walls laid in ruins until 444 BC when Nehemiah returned to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Nehemiah led the people to work near their homes, with their families, alongside their neighbors, and as a community to rebuild. They experienced the protection and blessing of God as they worked in their place on the wall.

But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!”

Nehemiah 2:17

So on October 2 the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun.

Nehemiah 6:15

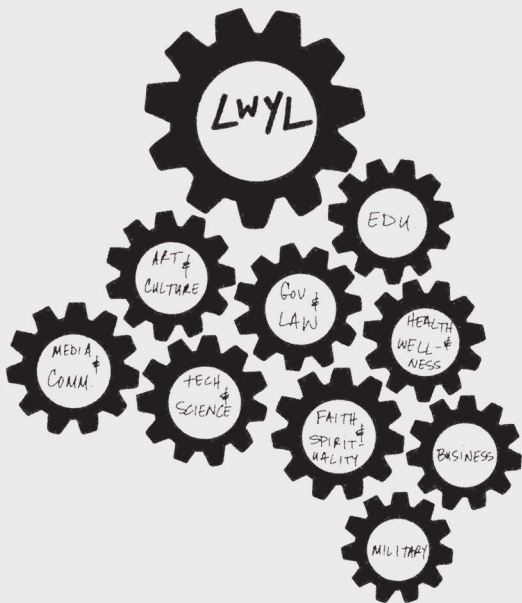


WORK | YOUR PLACE ON THE WALL

Every society can be separated into sectors of influence – think of this as your place on the wall. Where is yours?

9 Sectors of Society:

Education, Government & Law, Art & Culture, Health & Wellness, Media & Communication, Tech & Science, Faith & Spirituality, Business, and Military



Where is your place on the wall?

Who else shares your passion?

Where are you - or how can you - make a difference?

What resources are available to you?

What connections/partnerships have you built?

What skills have you honed?

What specific needs do you see in your sector of society?

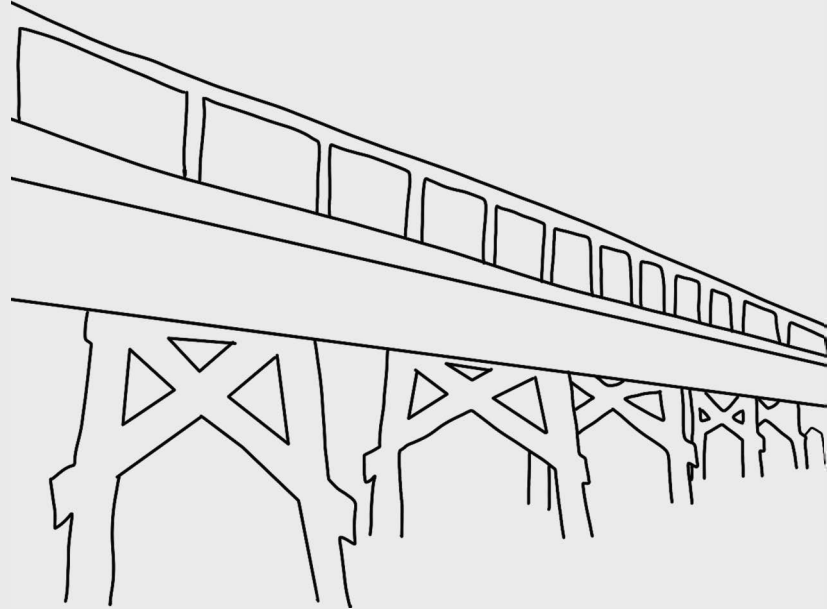
Write a prayer for your workplace/school:

PLAY

On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work . . .

Genesis 2:2 (NLT)

After God created, the first thing he did was rest. His rest fueled his creative work. It's the same for us. God's mission includes rest and recreation.



What feels like rest to you?

What recreational activities do you enjoy?

What do you do for fun?

What is something you've always wanted to do?

PLAY | WHERE DO YOU PLAY?

"Life is a daring adventure or nothing at all."

–Helen Keller

Your hobbies and interests are part of how God designed you! When you engage your interests aware of the presence of God with you everywhere, the way you play can help move the mission forward.



...for Christ plays in ten thousand places...

– Gerard Manley Hopkins

Who enjoys your hobbies/activities with you?

Write a prayer for God to use you where you play:

PLAY | 7 WAYS TO PLAY ON THE MISSION

Here are some ideas for restorative, playful ways to engage the mission in your life:

1. Choose one day each week, a 24-hour period of time when you pause from your regular work. Spend that time doing what refuels you.
2. Explore your community. Go to a new coffee shop, restaurant, or park. Say “hello” to who you meet!
3. Throw a BBQ on a summer night or invite friends/neighbors to dinner.
- 4 If you have kids who are involved in sports or the arts, volunteer to help in some way. Get to know the other folks who are involved.
5. Organize a park or street clean-up in your community. Make it a picnic afterward.

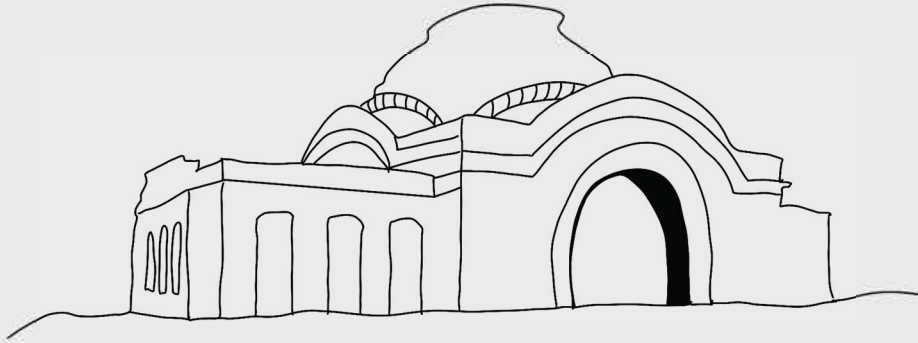
6. Turn some of your hobbies into invitational moments. What do you like to do? Invite others to do it with you.

7. Grow a garden. Enjoy digging in the dirt. Enjoy what grows. And enjoy sharing some of what grows with your neighbors.

What else would you add to the list?



**DISCOVER |
MISSIONAL
MADLIB**



You've spent time exploring Jesus, how God has made you and where God has placed you. Now, it's time to discover what loving where you live looks like!

Use this form to fill out the MISSIONAL MADLIB on the next page:

Today's date: 1. _____

My Name: 2. _____

Area I live: 3. _____

Street I live on: 4. _____

Two values I have for my home: 5. _____ & 5. _____

An assignment/task/job I do for work or school:

6. _____

The names of 3 classmates/coworkers:

7. _____, 7. _____, 7. _____

An adventure or hobby I love: 8. _____

The names of 3 friends/people I'd like to invite to do my hobby/adventure with:

9. _____, 9. _____, 9. _____

DISCOVER | MISSIONAL MADLIB

 1.

I _____ am called by Jesus to love where I live. I believe God has shaped me uniquely to show his
 2.

love to the people of _____
 3.

My home on _____ will be a place of _____ and _____ for my family, friends,
 4. 5. 5.
 and neighbors.

My job is more than a paycheck. -or- My school is more than a diploma.

It is a place of mission and worship. I am sent by Jesus to honor him while I _____ and to see
 6.
 the face of Jesus in _____, _____, and _____
 7. 7. 7.

My interests and hobbies can be used to move the mission forward. So, I will invite _____
 9.

_____, and _____ to join me as I _____ to get to know their stories
 9. 9. 8.

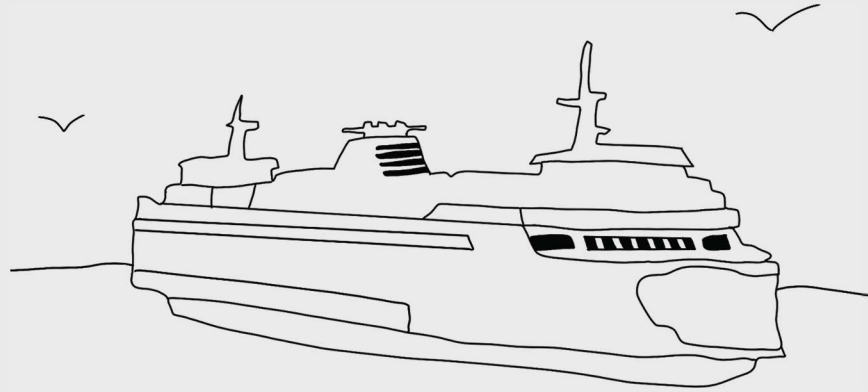
and discover how I can be a great friend.

I am choosing to view every part of my life – where I live, work, and play – as an opportunity for God to grow my love
 for where I live.

I commit to not complain, sit on the sidelines, or wish I was somewhere else. Instead, I will pray: Jesus, may your

kingdom come and your will be done in _____ as it is in heaven.

***LOVE WHERE
YOU LIVE |
COMMITMENT***



If you are in to love where you live,
add your name to the **LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE** commitment:

I, _____, commit to not

COMPLAIN

SIT ON THE SIDELINES

Or WISH I WAS SOMEWHERE ELSE

Instead, I will pray:

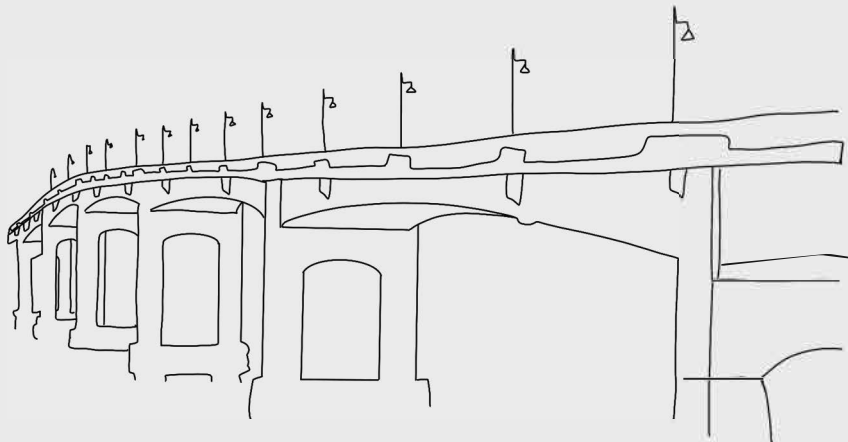
Jesus, may your kingdom come and your will be done in _____ as it is in heaven.

Signed: _____

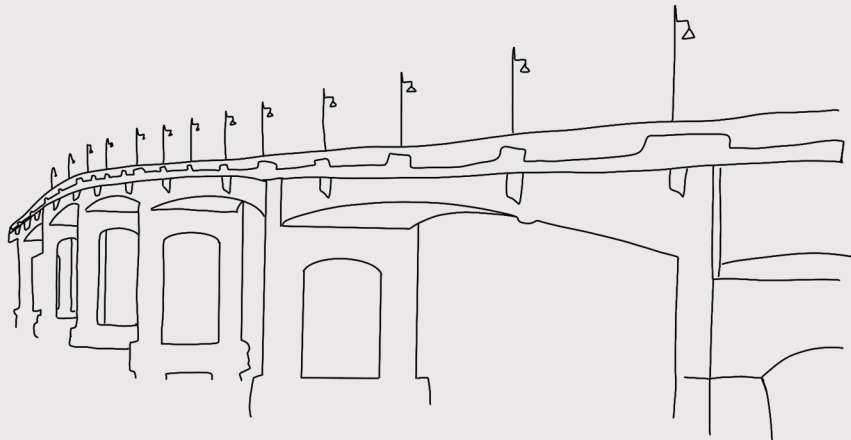


Add yourself to the LOVE
WHERE YOU LIVE map

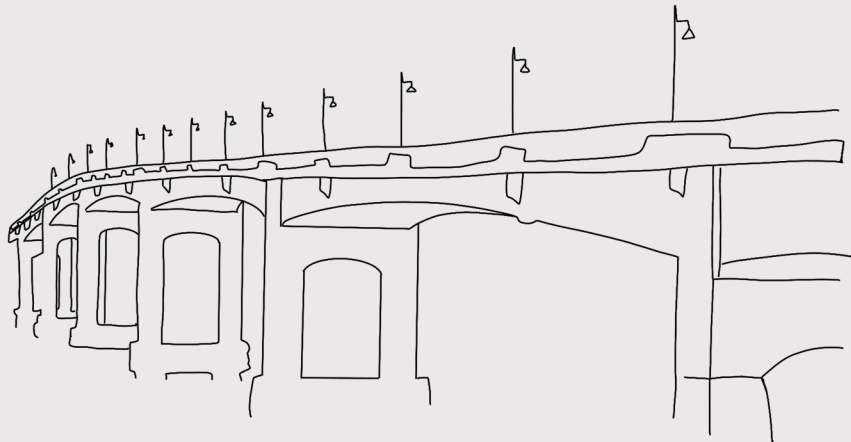
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