Love Your Neighbor Brainstorming Questions:

1). Do you (or someone you know) currently serve with or donate to a local organization, charity, or non-profit?

This is a great way to get started serving your neighbors! If it is someone else who serves or donates to the organization, ask them to share about their experience and why they serve. Explore if there are opportunities for you to serve with that local organization.

2). Do you know anyone – think about neighbors on your street, co-workers, extended family members – that is chronically sick? Had a recent surgery? That lives alone? Is raising children alone (without the other parent)?

If so, what are ways that you and/or a few friends could support them or encourage them? Meals? Yardwork? Inviting them into community? Transportation for kids or family?

3) In your rhythms of travel/work/shopping do you consistently see or meet the same people in the community, at parks, stores, or events?

Make a point to introduce yourself, get to know them, find ways and reasons to connect or reconnect with them each time you see them.

4) What are some hobbies or passions of yours?

Is there any community group you could join to get to know people better? Examples would be local running groups (run a race for charity!), quilting groups, book clubs, garden clubs, etc. You can also check at the local library for various groups they put together.

5) Do you have kids in school? If so, do you know about needs the school has related to classroom events, PTAs, etc?

What sort of help or support would the school be interested in? Are there teachers or administrators in your local schools you could ask?

6) Do you ever drive by or walk by a house, a section of the neighborhood, a part of town that looks neglected?

Are there any current efforts going on in these parts of your community? Who could you ask about opportunities and needs? *Make sure to ask in a way that makes it clear you want to help in the way that THEY want help and not because you want to increase your property value (that can get hurtful real fast).*

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