

Tool #39: Personal Outreach Opportunities Worksheet

Isaiah 6:8 "Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'"

This exercise will help you take inventory of what you or your family have to offer the Lord to use in ministry with those who need to encounter a demonstration of God's love. Remembering the miracle of the five loaves and two fishes (John 6:5-14), this worksheet asks you to prayerfully think through the two "fishes" you can offer to Jesus to multiply in Kingdom service.

If you are discovering ministry opportunities as a family, you can meet together to fill out the worksheet as a group; or have each person in your household fill out the worksheet separately, then compare your lists and find your main areas of agreement.

I. What do you have to offer? *(Give two responses for each category)*

1. **Material resources** that you have that could be used to bless others (e.g. a salary, a home, a car):

2. **Activities** you enjoy that you could share with another person (e.g. playing sports, going to movies):

3. **Skills** you have that you could use in service to others (e.g. cooking, carpentry, organizing):

4. **Connections** you have with people or institutions who have special influence, skills or resources to offer people in need (e.g. employers, colleges, bankers):

II. Who is your neighbor? *(Give two responses for each category)*

1. **People** you know who need Jesus in their life in a new or deeper way (e.g. relatives, friends, co-workers):

2. **People** you've observed needing help in some way over the past year (e.g. child care, financial struggle, family crisis):

3. **Service organizations** where you have a connection or an interest (e.g. homeless shelter, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, nursing home):

4. **Social issues** that you are especially concerned about (e.g. abortion, the environment, hunger):

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III. Personal ministry reflection questions

1. Who are **two specific persons** that God is inviting you to share Christ with in word and deed? (e.g. offering to pray with a friend in crisis, inviting a family member to church, sharing a Scripture verse with a neighbor)

2. What are **two specific ways** that God is inviting you to use your time, talents or treasures to bless others (e.g. taking a youth with a disability to a ball game, bringing home-cooked goodies to nursing home residents, supporting Bread for the World)?

3. What are **two specific concerns** that God is inviting you to learn more about or to keep in prayer (e.g. education policy, foster care, a co-worker who needs healing)?

Share your worksheet with another person who can encourage you to follow through on these ministry opportunities.