



WHOLE CHURCH

Know Your Neighbor

Leader's Guide



Building a Team

You should create a team of laity and clergy to work through this process together. Participation on this team should be by personal invitation. The pastor and local church leaders should strategize about who is best suited to participate. While there are no formal requirements, some basic guidelines should be followed:

- Servanthood attitudes. Non-dominating, reflective listeners, willing to face fears.
- FAT – Faithful, Available, Teachable.
- Should be given time to pray about it before committing.
- At least one new person (someone who has started attending regularly in the last three to five years).
- DO NOT simply use your Church Council or other formal church committee.

Teams should be no larger than nine people. This will allow for a good small-group dynamic and healthy conversation. At times during this process you may want to report out to a larger audience how you are progressing. Each team will need to designate a lay convener. This person should be part of the team and s/he will be responsible to lead the process along with the pastor.

Our Team

Name	Email	Phone Number

Grounded in Prayer

Your team should be grounded deeply in spiritual practice. You have an opportunity through this process to experiment with some important discipleship practices like Wesleyan Small Groups. Do not shortchange this part of the process.

Identify two spiritual formation activities you would like to use as part of this process. If you need ideas refer to the *Spiritual Formation Booklet* found here: <http://www.wholechurch.org/participant-area/gather-pray/>. You may consider inviting other members of your team to lead an activity they are passionate about. The outline anticipates each activity taking fifteen to twenty minutes.

Our Spiritual Formation Activities

Activity	Leader

Team Sessions

Session 1: Team Formation

Introductions

Invite each person to share the following:

- Name
- Who was the most recent new person you met outside of church?
- From what you understand so far about this team, what excites you most?

Discuss Safe Space

All are encouraged to treat one another as brothers/sisters in Christ, first and foremost. Anything shared in this space should be considered confidential. No one should feel compelled to share more than they want to.

Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following. Pastor and lay convener should be prepared to go first.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

Spiritual Formation Activity 1

Preparation for Next Session

Distribute *Know your Neighbor Workbook*.

Review Introduction and Part 1 of *Know Your Neighbor Workbook*. You will need to find one or two people to do Part 1. They will be responsible for learning the MissionInsite tool and creating the reports for the team to use. Volunteers to do Part 1 need to look ahead to Part 5. Completing Part 5 will require extra information that may take time to pull together.

At your next meeting the whole group will do Part 2.

Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer¹ and Holy Communion.

¹ See *Spiritual Formation Booklet* (<http://www.wholechurch.org/participant-area/gather-pray/>)

Sessions 2

Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following. Pastor and lay convener should be prepared to go first.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

Workbook Part 2

Spiritual Formation Activity

Preparation for Next Session

Review Part 3 of *Know Your Neighbor Workbook* before next session.

Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

Leader Instructions for Session 3

Identify the top Mosaic Segments from Part 3. Download the Mission Impact Guides for your top segments and have copies available for your next session.

<http://missioninsite.com/missionimpact-guide/>

Session 3

Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

Workbook Part 3

Spiritual Formation Activity

Preparation for Next Session

Review Part 4 of *Know Your Neighbor Workbook* before next session.

Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

Leader Instructions for Session 3

You will need to provide written copies of “A Non-Negotiable Practice for Ministry Leaders” or play the video which covers the same content for session 4.

Article: goo.gl/ZVZ4Nd

Video: <https://vimeo.com/191085852> (password: grace)

Session 4

Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

Workbook Part 4

Read article or play video.

Spiritual Formation Activity

Preparation for Next Session

Review Parts 5 and 6 of *Know Your Neighbor Workbook* before next session. Only your MissionInsite volunteers need to complete Part 5.

Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

Session 5: Building Community

Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

Workbook Part 6

Spiritual Formation Activity

Preparation for Next Session

Review Part 7 of *Know Your Neighbor Workbook* before next session.

Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.

Session 6

Wesleyan Small Group Questions

Take turns answering the following.

- Where are you struggling in your faith right now?
- Where do you feel tempted in life?
- How are you overcoming those temptations?

Workbook Part 7

Where will your team go next? Your team may continue to meet, expand, or shift focus. You don't have to do it all at once, but you need to leave with some concrete next steps. You should not leave with a blank task list.

Spiritual Formation Activity

Closing

Consider using the John Wesley Covenant Prayer and Holy Communion.