

Practicing Faithful Presence

From Jonathan Dodson's book
Witness: Loving Your Church by Sharing the Gospel

How can we be a faithful presence in our own context? Here are some practical ways to live with gospel intentionality with our neighbors:

Socially

- ☐ Walk in your neighborhood and chat with your neighbors
- ☐ Invite neighbors over for dinner and parties
- ☐ Cut the grass, walk the dog, take out the trash for neighbors who are out of town
- ☐ Arrange a neighbor meet up or street party
- ☐ Participate in local holiday celebrations in your neighborhood or apartment

Economically

- ☐ Support local businesses and tip those who serve you generously
- ☐ Brighten your coworkers' lives by giving them encouragement
- ☐ Do your job with excellence and integrity
- ☐ Use your finances to contribute to non-profits and church ministry
- ☐ Pay your taxes
- ☐ Pray for your coworkers
- ☐ Create new jobs through entrepreneurial efforts
- ☐ Be generous with your money and possessions

Culturally

- ☐ Support local artists by attending concerts and buying local art
- ☐ Read local publications and look for bits of truth, beauty and goodness
- ☐ Volunteer with your local schools
- ☐ Attend town or city hall meetings and participate in local elections
- ☐ Join groups for hobbies you enjoy to meet new people in your area (local sports, book clubs, etc.)

Spiritually

- ☐ Respectfully inquire about other people's worldviews
- ☐ Regularly worship with your church
- ☐ Pray for your neighbors by name and ask God for their salvation
- ☐ Pray for social, economic and cultural issues
- ☐ Share the gospel in personal, engaging ways with non-Christians
- ☐ Ask for the Spirit's leading in your life