

VISIONING SESSION SIX

February 5, 2023

Small Group Discussion—Brainstorming on Topics from Session Five

What ministry could serve families of single moms?

Sunday and worship ideas

- Invite them and treat them as any family unit
- Children's service
- Take care of mother's kids; they need to worship, so have nursery so mom's free to worship
- Financial help:
- Provide in-home help for single moms
- Special funds to financially help single moms
- Diaper bank

Child care help

- Watch kids while mom does errands
- Explore feasibility of babysitting/insurance in the church
- Program for kids during week
- Play groups
- After-school programs
- Sponsor play outings
- Child care

Social engagement

- Develop programs for women (single, not single) to help them, for example, a support group that has babysitting.
- Bring in spokesperson to help raise awareness/programs and special donations.
- Open up church for single moms to meet.
- Weekend lunches.
- Sponsor play outings.

How can Saint Peter's help our neighbors who are anxious or worried?

- Check on people in that situation
- Stay in touch
- Pamphlet for new homeowners
- Group discussion on related topics to anxiety/problems
- Advertise special events on church signs related to anxiety
- Need specific way to reach these individuals
- Possible link on website to guide people to schedule time with pastor to talk through
- Increased focus on Welcome Committee to make people feel comfortable
- Invite friends to church on a specific Sunday
- Workshops
- Wellness group. Help center links (online or in person)
- Sponsor Dave Ramsey course (finances)
- Tax filing
- Yoga
- Small business connection for discounts (Saint Peter's partners)

How can we invite our neighbors of all ethnicities and races into our lives?

- Be friendly and welcoming
- Host pavilion music night or other activity in summer and invite neighborhood
- Find ways to reach others through Wilson School District
- Focus on "You're welcome here" message—website—shows inclusiveness
- CROP Walk or Opportunity House 5K Walk to represent ourselves outside these walls
- Invite others to church
- Understand the cultural differences of others to be more aware how we can relate/connect
- Give cultural presentations
- Connect with other churches of different cultures
- Connect to cultural events

Why do you think our neighbors believe that people in the church don't behave as Jesus would, and what can we do to change that thinking?

- We can change their thinking by getting them into our church, making environmentally friendly changes to our property, our individual behavior
- Men's and women's ministry can brainstorm projects
- Continue to challenge ourselves to walk the walk
- Focus on not judging
- Not sure if that is true statement
- Push ourselves to seek out others who are struggling

- Being our natural selves and being a friend
- Media, personal experiences
- Community outreach (after football game activities)
- Social media outreach
- Tailgate parties before NFL games
- “Bring A Friend” day