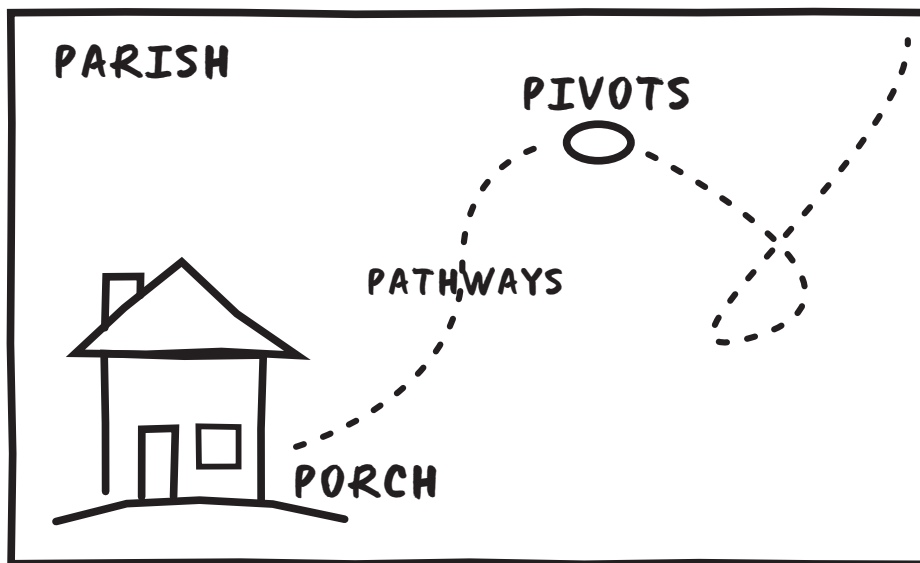


## Neighborhood Tool WORKSHEET

God is local. His passions and plans for people become concrete when they are localized. Whether it is in the barrenness of the wilderness or the bustling of the city, God has always drawn his people into local places. The kingdom of God invites us to faithfully submerge into a place. Being place-based calls us to open our eyes to what is already present in our neighborhood, to behold the weight of our neighbors' glory. As Disciples we must go on a journey that no longer sees our neighborhoods as a prop in the background. What follows is a tool for Discipleship to intentionally reflect on 4 Place-Based Connectors in all our lives. A group can record names and places to help give specificity to their work of being purposely present.



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## PORCH

Before we think of changing the world or our city we need to get to know our neighbors. List your neighbors here. How might you begin to extend hospitality to them this week? What fears or uncertainties does this bring up for you?

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## PATHWAYS

We are often dragged around by busyness so much that we do not see, acknowledge or engage with people along our path. List those who you cross paths with on a fairly regular basis. How might you awaken to those on your *pathway* you've not noticed before? What fears or uncertainties does this bring up for you?

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## PIVOT

A *Pivot* is a spot where different sorts of people mingle, where relational intersections occur. Where are you a regular? What kind of connections and conversation could you have there? List those who you see at places you pivot and seek to listen to their story.

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## PARISH

*Parish* is word used to describe a sphere of life in a section of a city or suburb, a manageable section of we can feel some sense of responsibility to. What is beautiful in my parish (list)? What seems broken in my parish (list)? Who's doing meaningful work for the good of others that I could partner with?