

REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

50 Outreach Ideas for
Breakthrough Life Groups



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Idea 1: Letter-Writing and Encouragement Campaign

One-line summary:

Write and send encouraging letters or cards to people in need of hope in the local community.

Description:

Your group can commit to writing personal, hope-filled letters or cards to people who are lonely, sick, elderly in care homes, new parents, or those experiencing hardship. You can partner with local charities, hospitals, or aged care facilities to identify recipients. Even online groups can participate—each member writes and mails cards from home. This ministry brings human connection and God’s love in a tangible way.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both. Works equally well for groups meeting in person (writing together) or online (each member writing at home).

Financial cost:

Low. Just stationery and postage (estimate \$1–\$3 per card/letter including stamp).

How many people needed?

Any group size. Even 2–3 people can make an impact, but larger groups can reach more recipients.

How long will it take to implement?

Initial planning: 15–30 minutes to choose recipients and set goals. Writing time: 30–60 minutes per session. Can be ongoing monthly or quarterly.

Benefits:

- Encourages empathy and compassion within the group.
- Blesses isolated or hurting people in the community.
- Easy, low-cost, and accessible for all group types.
- Strengthens group unity through shared mission.

Action plan:

1. Decide on your target recipients (aged care residents, hospital patients, new parents, etc.).
2. Contact local organisations to ask if they can distribute cards.
3. Set a writing goal (e.g., 5–10 cards per member).
4. Gather supplies (cards, paper, pens, stamps).
5. Meet in person or online to encourage one another and share ideas.
6. Write and mail the cards.
7. Pray over the recipients before sending.

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8. Review together at next meeting and decide if you'd like to repeat the project.

Idea 2: Virtual Prayer Chain

One-line summary:

Organise a prayer chain to cover your community in prayer around the clock.

Description:

Your group can set up a 24/7 or weeklong prayer chain by dividing the day into slots and having members sign up to pray for specific needs, local issues, or church requests. Online groups can coordinate via chat or shared docs to ensure continuous coverage. This ministry builds spiritual unity and demonstrates care for the community.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both. In-person groups can gather for prayer meetings, while online groups coordinate prayer schedules virtually.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size. Larger groups can cover more hours.

How long will it take to implement?

15–30 minutes to plan and create a schedule; then ongoing.

Benefits:

- Deepens members' prayer life.
- Unites the group spiritually.
- Covers the community in prayer.
- Flexible for all group sizes and meeting types.

Action plan:

1. Identify prayer topics and community needs.
 2. Decide on the length of the prayer chain (24 hours, 1 week, etc.).
 3. Create a sign-up schedule with time slots.
 4. Share the schedule with the group.
 5. Provide prayer guides or points.
 6. Encourage members to check in and share updates.
 7. Review the experience and consider repeating it regularly.
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Idea 3: Food Bank Donation Drive

One-line summary:

Collect and deliver food items to your local food bank to help fight hunger.

Description:

Your group can commit to gathering non-perishable food items for a local food bank or pantry. Members can bring items to a central drop-off or deliver them directly. Online groups can participate by shopping and delivering individually or donating online. It's a practical, meaningful way to meet real needs in your area.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low to medium. Cost depends on how much members choose to donate.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks for collection; 30–60 minutes for drop-off.

Benefits:

- Supports vulnerable families.
- Raises awareness of local needs.
- Easy for everyone to participate.
- Strengthens group's outward focus.

Action plan:

1. Contact your local food bank to learn their needs.
 2. Make a list of needed items.
 3. Share the list with your group.
 4. Set a deadline for collection.
 5. Arrange drop-off points or deliveries.
 6. Deliver items to the food bank.
 7. Pray together for the families who will receive the food.
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Idea 4: Virtual Storytime for Kids

One-line summary:

Host online storytelling sessions for children in the community.

Description:

Your group can bless families by offering regular online storytime events for kids. Volunteers read picture books or Bible stories over video calls. Promote it through social media, local schools, or community groups. This idea is especially helpful for busy or isolated parents who need a break and want safe, positive content for their children.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free if members already own books; optional cost for new books.

How many people needed?

2–5 volunteers can rotate reading.

How long will it take to implement?

30–60 minutes per session; ongoing if desired.

Benefits:

- Supports local families.
- Builds community connections.
- Shares wholesome stories or biblical values.
- Easy to organise with minimal cost.

Action plan:

1. Choose age-appropriate books or Bible stories.
 2. Schedule regular sessions (weekly, monthly).
 3. Promote the event through social media and local networks.
 4. Organise a video call platform (Zoom, Teams).
 5. Assign readers and practice if needed.
 6. Host the session and engage kids with questions.
 7. Invite families to return for future sessions.
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Idea 5: Care Package Assembly Night

One-line summary:

Assemble and deliver care packages for people in need in your community.

Description:

Your group can gather hygiene items, snacks, or small gifts to create care packages for shelters, hospitals, or families in crisis. In-person groups can assemble together; online groups can assemble separately and drop them off. It's a hands-on way to meet physical needs and show God's love in action.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$5–\$15 per package depending on contents.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours for assembly plus delivery time.

Benefits:

- Tangible way to bless others.
- Strengthens group unity through shared purpose.
- Easy to tailor to local needs.
- Teaches generosity and service.

Action plan:

1. Identify a recipient group (shelter, hospital, etc.).
 2. Make a list of needed items.
 3. Assign members to bring supplies.
 4. Gather for an assembly session (or assemble at home for online groups).
 5. Pray over the packages.
 6. Deliver them to the chosen organisation.
 7. Reflect on the experience and plan future projects.
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Idea 6: Virtual English Conversation Club

One-line summary:

Help new migrants practise English in friendly online conversations.

Description:

Your group can run informal online sessions where volunteers chat with migrants wanting to practise English. No teaching degree needed—just friendliness and patience! This builds cultural bridges, fosters trust, and helps newcomers feel welcome in their new community.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

2+ volunteers per session.

How long will it take to implement?

1 hour per session; ongoing as desired.

Benefits:

- Builds cross-cultural friendships.
- Supports local integration.
- Offers practical help for new arrivals.
- Strengthens group's sense of mission.

Action plan:

1. Partner with local migrant support services if needed.
 2. Advertise the club online.
 3. Choose regular meeting times.
 4. Train volunteers in cultural sensitivity.
 5. Set up a video call platform.
 6. Facilitate relaxed conversations.
 7. Follow up with participants to improve and grow.
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Idea 7: Community Clean-Up Day

One-line summary:

Organise a day to pick up litter and beautify a local park or street.

Description:

Your group can demonstrate love for your neighbourhood by spending time cleaning up public spaces. Coordinate as an in-person event or, for online groups, have members clean up their local areas on the same day and share photos. It's a visible way to bless your city and show God's care for creation.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Free (gloves and garbage bags may be needed).

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Improves the local environment.
- Witnesses to the community through service.
- Builds teamwork and group unity.
- Offers a practical, low-cost project.

Action plan:

1. Choose a site to clean up.
 2. Get permission if needed.
 3. Gather supplies (bags, gloves).
 4. Choose a date and time.
 5. Invite others to join.
 6. Clean up and dispose of waste safely.
 7. Take photos to celebrate and share.
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Idea 8: Blessing Bags for the Homeless

One-line summary:

Assemble bags with essentials and encouragement notes for homeless neighbours.

Description:

Your group can gather small items like toiletries, snacks, socks, and a handwritten note of encouragement to create “Blessing Bags.” These can be handed out directly or donated to local shelters for distribution. Online groups can assemble bags at home and drop them off individually.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$5–\$10 per bag.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Shows practical care for those in crisis.
- Builds empathy and awareness.
- Strengthens bonds within the group.
- Easy, repeatable outreach.

Action plan:

1. Choose the items to include.
 2. Assign members to collect supplies.
 3. Meet to assemble the bags (or assemble at home).
 4. Write personal notes.
 5. Deliver to shelters or distribute safely.
 6. Pray for recipients.
 7. Review and plan future rounds.
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Idea 9: Online Evangelism Challenge

One-line summary:

Equip group members to share their testimony online.

Description:

Your group can run a mini-workshop on sharing personal testimonies effectively, then challenge everyone to post their story on social media or message friends directly. This expands the reach of the gospel and helps members grow in courage and clarity about their faith.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours for the workshop plus time to share.

Benefits:

- Encourages personal evangelism.
- Spreads the gospel widely online.
- Builds members' confidence.
- Strengthens group accountability.

Action plan:

1. Plan a workshop on writing testimonies.
 2. Encourage members to keep it simple and clear.
 3. Set a date to post or share stories.
 4. Offer support for questions or feedback.
 5. Celebrate and share results at the next meeting.
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Idea 10: Adopt-a-Teacher Initiative

One-line summary:

Support a local teacher with encouragement, supplies, or small gifts.

Description:

Choose a local teacher (or several) and commit to blessing them with practical help and encouragement. Your group can create a care package with supplies, handwritten notes, or small treats. Online groups can contribute funds or order items for direct delivery. This outreach supports educators who often feel unseen and overworked.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low to medium. ~\$20–\$100 total depending on gifts.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1 week to plan and deliver.

Benefits:

- Encourages local educators.
- Builds connections with schools.
- Teaches generosity and service.
- Easy to replicate for other teachers.

Action plan:

1. Identify a teacher to support.
2. Contact them discreetly about needs.
3. Collect supplies or gifts.
4. Write notes of thanks and encouragement.
5. Assemble the package.
6. Deliver or ship it.
7. Pray for the teacher and their students.
8. _____



Idea 11: Secret Encourager Month

One-line summary:

Commit to anonymously blessing another church member for a month.

Description:

Your group can draw names and spend a month being “secret encouragers” for one another. Members pray, send anonymous notes, small gifts, or thoughtful messages without revealing their identity until the end. This practice deepens community bonds and creates a culture of encouragement that can spread throughout the church. It works well in person or online, with digital notes or mailed packages.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low. Mostly notes and small inexpensive gifts (e.g., \$1–\$10 per encouragement).

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1 month.

Benefits:

- Builds deeper relationships.
- Cultivates a culture of kindness.
- Strengthens prayer life as members pray for their assigned person.
- Accessible for all group types.

Action plan:

1. Assign secret pairs or draw names.
 2. Set guidelines for frequency of encouragement.
 3. Encourage creativity (notes, prayers, small gifts).
 4. Remind participants of anonymity.
 5. Reveal identities in a celebration at the end.
 6. Reflect on the experience together.
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Idea 12: Sponsor-a-Child Program Support

One-line summary:

Collectively sponsor a child through an established charity.

Description:

Your group can partner with a reputable organisation like Compassion, World Vision, or similar to sponsor a child in need. Members share the monthly cost and commit to writing letters, praying, and learning about the child's culture. Online groups can coordinate payments and communication digitally. This outreach has long-lasting impact on a child's life.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. Typically \$30–\$50/month split among members.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

Ongoing monthly commitment.

Benefits:

- Provides education, healthcare, and hope to a child.
- Deepens group's sense of mission.
- Teaches global awareness.
- Creates consistent prayer focus.

Action plan:

1. Choose a sponsorship organisation.
 2. Sign up and select a child.
 3. Divide monthly cost among members.
 4. Organise letter-writing rotations.
 5. Pray regularly for the child and family.
 6. Share updates during meetings.
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Idea 13: Elderly Phone Buddy System

One-line summary:

Regularly call and encourage isolated seniors.

Description:

Your group can partner with aged care facilities or church members to set up a phone buddy system. Each volunteer is matched with a senior to call weekly or fortnightly, offering friendly conversation, prayer, and emotional support. Online groups can manage all coordination virtually.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both (but calls are typically from home).

Financial cost:

Free (just the cost of phone calls if any).

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

30–60 minutes per call, ongoing.

Benefits:

- Reduces loneliness among the elderly.
- Builds intergenerational friendships.
- Encourages empathy and listening skills.
- Flexible and accessible outreach.

Action plan:

1. Identify seniors needing connection.
 2. Assign phone buddies.
 3. Share basic guidelines for calls.
 4. Schedule regular check-ins.
 5. Pray before or after calls.
 6. Share stories or needs with the group for support.
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Idea 14: Community Clean-Up Day

One-line summary:

Pick up litter and beautify a local park or street together.

Description:

Show love for your city by organising a clean-up event in a local park, street, or beach. In-person groups can do it together, while online groups can choose their own neighbourhoods to clean up on the same day, sharing photos and stories. It's a visible way to care for the environment and bless your neighbours.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Free or very low (gloves, garbage bags).

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Beautifies local spaces.
- Publicly demonstrates care and responsibility.
- Builds group unity through shared mission.
- Can become an ongoing outreach tradition.

Action plan:

1. Choose a site.
 2. Seek permission if required.
 3. Gather necessary supplies.
 4. Set a date and invite others.
 5. Pray together before starting.
 6. Clean up and dispose of rubbish responsibly.
 7. Share photos and stories to encourage others.
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Idea 15: Blessing Bags for the Homeless

One-line summary:

Assemble and distribute bags with essentials for people experiencing homelessness.

Description:

Your group can create “Blessing Bags” filled with snacks, toiletries, socks, and handwritten notes. Bags can be handed out personally or delivered to shelters for safe distribution. Online groups can assemble bags individually and drop them off at the same shelter.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$5–\$10 per bag.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Meets immediate physical needs.
- Builds awareness of homelessness issues.
- Fosters compassion and empathy.
- Simple and repeatable outreach.

Action plan:

1. Decide on items to include.
 2. Assign supply collection among members.
 3. Gather for an assembly night (or assemble at home).
 4. Write notes of encouragement.
 5. Deliver bags to shelters or distribute carefully in person.
 6. Pray for recipients.
 7. Reflect on the experience at the next meeting.
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Idea 16: Online Evangelism Challenge

One-line summary:

Equip and encourage members to share their faith story online.

Description:

Run a session where group members learn to craft their personal testimonies. Challenge everyone to post their story on social media or message friends directly. It's a simple, modern approach to personal evangelism that helps people clarify their story and spread hope to many.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours for the workshop; sharing can happen any time.

Benefits:

- Encourages boldness in faith.
- Spreads the gospel to new audiences.
- Deepens understanding of personal testimony.
- Strengthens group accountability.

Action plan:

1. Plan a workshop on sharing testimonies.
 2. Practice crafting short, clear stories.
 3. Set a date for posting or messaging.
 4. Support and encourage each other.
 5. Follow up at the next meeting to share responses.
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Idea 17: Adopt-a-Room in Local Shelter

One-line summary:

Furnish or decorate a room in a local shelter to make it welcoming.

Description:

Partner with a local shelter to “adopt” a room, providing new bedding, décor, toiletries, or small comforts. Your group can fundraise or split the cost, then deliver items or arrange for online shopping and shipping. It’s a meaningful, dignifying way to show God’s love.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium to high. ~\$50–\$200 depending on project.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1 week or more depending on scope.

Benefits:

- Provides comfort and dignity to those in need.
- Builds partnerships with local charities.
- Strengthens group teamwork and generosity.
- Can be repeated for multiple rooms.

Action plan:

1. Contact a local shelter.
 2. Ask about needs and guidelines.
 3. Plan the project budget.
 4. Assign tasks and collect funds.
 5. Purchase or gather items.
 6. Deliver and help set up if possible.
 7. Pray for the future residents.
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Idea 18: Virtual Bible Study for Non-Believers

One-line summary:

Invite unchurched friends to a no-pressure online Bible discussion.

Description:

Host a short-term online Bible study designed for spiritual seekers. Choose accessible, engaging passages (like parables or Jesus' teachings). Create a safe, respectful space for questions. It's a powerful evangelism tool for online groups wanting to reach people who might not attend church.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

2+ participants.

How long will it take to implement?

1 hour per session; 4–6 weeks recommended.

Benefits:

- Low-barrier introduction to Scripture.
- Fosters genuine relationships.
- Equips members in leading spiritual conversations.
- Shares the gospel in an accessible way.

Action plan:

1. Choose a theme or book.
 2. Invite friends via social media or messaging.
 3. Schedule regular sessions.
 4. Use video calls for discussion.
 5. Facilitate open, respectful conversations.
 6. Offer prayer for participants.
 7. Follow up for continued connection.
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Idea 19: Care Package for New Parents

One-line summary:

Bless new parents with thoughtful gifts and meals.

Description:

Your group can identify families with new babies in your church or community and create a care package including meals, baby supplies, and encouraging notes. In-person groups can deliver in person; online groups can coordinate delivery services or order supplies online.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$30–\$100 per package depending on contents.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks.

Benefits:

- Supports families during a stressful season.
- Builds intergenerational connection.
- Demonstrates practical love.
- Easy to repeat for future families.

Action plan:

1. Identify new parents in need.
 2. Plan the contents of the package.
 3. Assign tasks for shopping or cooking.
 4. Write encouragement notes.
 5. Deliver or ship the package.
 6. Offer to pray with or for the family.
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Idea 20: Virtual Prayer Walk

One-line summary:

Pray for your community while walking your local area at the same time as your group online.

Description:

Your group chooses a day and time to “prayer walk” simultaneously in your own neighbourhoods. Members pray silently or aloud for their streets, schools, shops, and people. Afterward, you gather online to share what God showed you. It’s a creative, flexible way to bless many areas at once.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both (but coordinated virtually).

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

30–60 minutes for walk plus online debrief.

Benefits:

- Covers multiple neighbourhoods in prayer.
- Encourages spiritual awareness of surroundings.
- Deepens members’ dependence on God.
- Builds unity despite physical distance.

Action plan:

1. Choose a date and time.
 2. Assign prayer focus areas (schools, hospitals, homes).
 3. Walk individually in your neighbourhoods.
 4. Pray as you walk, listening for God’s promptings.
 5. Gather online afterward to share reflections.
 6. Plan future prayer walks as desired.
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Idea 21: Birthday Blessing Project

One-line summary:

Celebrate community members' birthdays with cards and small gifts.

Description:

Your group can identify people in your church or neighbourhood who might not have family nearby—elderly members, single adults, or new arrivals—and commit to celebrating their birthdays. Each month, you prepare a birthday card and small gift to deliver or mail. Online groups can coordinate purchases and have gifts shipped. This simple act of kindness can bring unexpected joy to someone who feels forgotten.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low to medium. ~\$5–\$20 per birthday.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks to prepare each birthday.

Benefits:

- Makes people feel valued and remembered.
- Encourages a culture of celebration.
- Builds intergenerational connections.
- Easy to sustain throughout the year.

Action plan:

1. Create a list of people to bless.
 2. Assign months or individuals to group members.
 3. Collect cards and small gifts.
 4. Write personalised messages.
 5. Deliver or mail the packages.
 6. Pray for each person on their birthday.
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Idea 22: Meal Train for Families in Crisis

One-line summary:

Provide meals for families facing illness, loss, or hardship.

Description:

When someone in your community faces a crisis—such as hospitalisation, bereavement, or sudden job loss—your group can set up a meal train to deliver fresh meals. Online groups can contribute by ordering takeout or groceries to be delivered. This practical support eases stress and shows that people are not alone.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$10–\$20 per meal depending on group size and duration.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks or as needed.

Benefits:

- Provides immediate relief for families.
- Builds trust and connection.
- Demonstrates the love of Christ through service.
- Can be mobilised quickly when needed.

Action plan:

1. Identify a family in crisis.
 2. Use a tool like Meal Train or a shared calendar.
 3. Schedule meal drop-offs or deliveries.
 4. Pray for the family as a group.
 5. Check in regularly to assess ongoing needs.
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Idea 23: Virtual Encouragement Wall

One-line summary:

Create a digital space where group members post uplifting messages.

Description:

Your group can set up a shared online board or chat channel where members post daily or weekly encouragements—Bible verses, prayers, or notes of gratitude. This virtual “wall” becomes a source of hope and positivity, especially for people feeling isolated or discouraged.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

Setup takes 15 minutes; ongoing as desired.

Benefits:

- Promotes consistent encouragement.
- Fosters community among online groups.
- Easy to maintain over time.
- Builds members’ habit of blessing others.

Action plan:

1. Choose a platform (Padlet, Slack, Facebook group).
 2. Set guidelines for posting.
 3. Launch the wall and invite contributions.
 4. Encourage regular participation.
 5. Celebrate milestones or particularly meaningful posts.
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Idea 24: Virtual Game Night with Neighbours

One-line summary:

Invite neighbours to an online game night to build friendships.

Description:

Your group can host a virtual game night with simple, family-friendly games like trivia, charades, or bingo. Invite neighbours who don't normally attend church. This creates a relaxed, no-pressure environment to build connections and demonstrate hospitality.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

3+ participants.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours per session.

Benefits:

- Builds bridges with unchurched neighbours.
- Encourages fellowship and fun.
- Reduces isolation.
- Easy to organise repeatedly.

Action plan:

1. Choose a game platform or app.
 2. Schedule a date and time.
 3. Promote through social media or flyers.
 4. Assign a host to guide the event.
 5. Follow up with guests to thank them for joining.
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Idea 25: Prayer Jar for Community Requests

One-line summary:

Collect and pray over anonymous prayer requests from the community.

Description:

Place a decorative jar or box in a visible location—like a local café, library, or your church foyer—inviting people to submit prayer requests anonymously. Each week, your group prays over the requests. Online groups can set up a digital form and email or text requests to members.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low. (Jar, paper, pens.)

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

Ongoing.

Benefits:

- Shows the community you care.
- Invites spiritual conversations.
- Encourages consistent prayer.
- Easy and low-cost.

Action plan:

1. Create a prayer jar or digital form.
 2. Promote its availability.
 3. Collect requests weekly.
 4. Assign members to pray.
 5. Share updates or answered prayers as appropriate.
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Idea 26: Environmental Awareness Challenge

One-line summary:

Encourage members to reduce waste and care for creation together.

Description:

Your group can set a month-long challenge to reduce single-use plastics, recycle more, or start composting. Share progress and tips in an online group chat. This collective effort models stewardship and helps protect God's creation.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Free or low.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1 month.

Benefits:

- Encourages sustainable habits.
- Builds accountability and teamwork.
- Teaches biblical stewardship.
- Can inspire others to join.

Action plan:

1. Choose a focus area (plastic reduction, recycling).
 2. Set measurable goals.
 3. Create a shared space for updates.
 4. Share resources and encouragement.
 5. Celebrate successes at the end of the challenge.
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Idea 27: Adopt-a-Highway Program

One-line summary:

Commit to maintaining a stretch of road through regular clean-ups.

Description:

Your group can sign up with your local council to adopt a section of road, park, or beach. Meet quarterly to pick up litter and keep it beautiful. This public service demonstrates God's love for the community in a practical way.

Is this for in-person or online?

In-person.

Financial cost:

Free. (Supplies sometimes provided by council.)

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours per clean-up, recurring.

Benefits:

- Visible witness of service.
- Improves the local environment.
- Strengthens teamwork.
- Can become a long-term commitment.

Action plan:

1. Contact your local council.
 2. Complete any necessary paperwork.
 3. Plan your first clean-up date.
 4. Gather supplies.
 5. Clean the area safely.
 6. Take photos and thank volunteers.
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Idea 28: Online Career Support Group

One-line summary:

Help job seekers with résumés, interview practice, and encouragement.

Description:

Your group can host virtual sessions to support those looking for work. Offer help with résumés, LinkedIn profiles, and interview practice. Pray together and share job leads. This outreach equips people with practical tools and hope.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours per session.

Benefits:

- Provides practical assistance.
- Builds confidence and community.
- Encourages resilience during challenges.
- Flexible for different schedules.

Action plan:

1. Recruit volunteers with career experience.
 2. Choose a video platform.
 3. Promote to job seekers.
 4. Schedule regular sessions.
 5. Follow up to celebrate successes.
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Idea 29: Virtual Book Club for Spiritual Growth

One-line summary:

Read and discuss a book on faith together online.

Description:

Choose an accessible book on spiritual growth, justice, or discipleship. Meet weekly via video to discuss a chapter and pray. Invite unchurched friends for a low-pressure introduction to Christian community.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Low. (Cost of book if not already owned.)

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

4–6 weeks.

Benefits:

- Encourages spiritual development.
- Fosters community and accountability.
- Invites seekers to explore faith.
- Easy to replicate with new books.

Action plan:

1. Choose a book.
 2. Set a schedule and reading plan.
 3. Promote and invite friends.
 4. Facilitate weekly discussions.
 5. Share reflections and pray together.
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Idea 30: “Love Your Neighbour” Card Campaign

One-line summary:

Send cards to local businesses thanking them for their service.

Description:

Your group can write and deliver cards expressing appreciation to businesses like grocery stores, clinics, or schools. Online groups can coordinate messages and mail cards directly. Small acts of kindness can uplift and encourage frontline workers.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low. (Cards and postage.)

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Spreads positivity and gratitude.
- Builds goodwill in the community.
- Models the love of Jesus in practical ways.
- Simple and affordable.

Action plan:

1. Make a list of businesses to thank.
 2. Create or buy cards.
 3. Write messages of encouragement.
 4. Deliver or mail cards.
 5. Pray for each business as a group.
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Idea 31: Virtual Worship Night

One-line summary:

Host an online worship and prayer evening for your group and guests.

Description:

Invite members and friends to gather on a video call for a time of live or pre-recorded worship music and communal prayer. Online groups can rotate worship leaders or share playlists. It's a simple, flexible way to encounter God together and invite others into a worshipful space—even if they wouldn't attend church in person.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Creates space for spiritual refreshment.
- Builds intimacy and unity in the group.
- Welcomes guests in a low-pressure way.
- Easy to repeat monthly or quarterly.

Action plan:

1. Choose a date and time.
 2. Select worship songs or playlists.
 3. Assign leaders for music and prayer.
 4. Promote to group members and friends.
 5. Host the event on a video platform.
 6. Follow up to encourage attendees.
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Idea 32: Local School Supply Drive

One-line summary:

Collect and donate school supplies for under-resourced students.

Description:

Your group can gather backpacks, notebooks, pens, and other supplies to help local students start the year well. In-person groups can set up a collection point at church; online groups can order supplies for delivery or donate funds to a local school. This practical act reduces financial stress for families.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$5–\$50 per backpack.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

2–4 weeks.

Benefits:

- Meets practical needs for education.
- Builds partnerships with local schools.
- Models generosity to children.
- Easy to scale based on group size.

Action plan:

1. Contact a local school for needs.
 2. Make a list of supplies.
 3. Assign collection tasks.
 4. Promote the drive to church or friends.
 5. Gather and sort donations.
 6. Deliver supplies with encouragement notes.
 7. Pray for students and teachers.
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Idea 33: Virtual “Ask Anything” Night

One-line summary:

Create a safe online space for people to ask spiritual questions.

Description:

OPTION 1: Host a video call where friends and neighbours can ask honest questions about faith with no judgment. Your group can prepare in advance for common questions but keep the tone relaxed and welcoming. This event can introduce people to Jesus in a conversational way.

OPTION 2: Invite a friend to join at Alpha and both of you sign up for the next Alpha Online Class at Breakthrough.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours per session.

Benefits:

- Encourages authentic dialogue.
- Breaks down barriers to faith.
- Equips members to share clearly.
- Builds trust and relationships.

Action plan:

1. Choose a date and time.
 2. Promote to friends and networks.
 3. Prepare a few leaders to guide discussion.
 4. Establish a respectful tone.
 5. Listen well and answer thoughtfully.
 6. Invite follow-up conversations.
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Idea 34: Support Local Farmers or Markets

One-line summary:

Purchase and distribute fresh produce to families in need.

Description:

Buy seasonal produce from local farmers or markets to support small businesses while blessing families in need with fresh food. In-person groups can shop and pack boxes together; online groups can organise payments and deliveries virtually.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$20–\$50 per box.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks.

Benefits:

- Supports local economy.
- Provides healthy food to struggling families.
- Builds connections with vendors.
- Shows care for both people and community.

Action plan:

1. Identify local farmers or markets.
 2. Plan budget and needed items.
 3. Assign shopping or order tasks.
 4. Pack and deliver boxes to families.
 5. Include encouragement notes.
 6. Pray for recipients.
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Idea 35: Online Parenting Support Group

One-line summary:

Facilitate virtual discussions to encourage parents.

Description:

Offer a safe online space for parents to share challenges, ideas, and encouragement. Group members with parenting experience can help guide conversations. Include prayer time and practical tips. It's an excellent outreach to young families feeling isolated or stressed.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1 hour per session; ongoing.

Benefits:

- Supports parents in your community.
- Builds trust and friendship.
- Encourages sharing of wisdom and faith.
- Flexible and low-cost.

Action plan:

1. Choose a schedule.
 2. Promote to local parents via social media or flyers.
 3. Choose discussion topics.
 4. Assign a facilitator.
 5. Host on a video platform.
 6. Offer prayer and follow-up.
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Idea 36: Community Clothing Swap

One-line summary:

Host a free clothing exchange to help families refresh wardrobes.

Description:

Your group can collect gently used clothing and host a swap event for local families. Participants bring items they no longer need and pick new ones for free. Online groups can organise drop-off locations or schedule deliveries. This reduces waste and helps families save money.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Free or very low.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

2–4 weeks for planning.

Benefits:

- Promotes sustainability.
- Helps families manage budgets.
- Builds community connections.
- Easy to repeat seasonally.

Action plan:

1. Secure a venue or plan drop-offs.
 2. Set a date and promote.
 3. Collect clothing in advance.
 4. Organise by size or type.
 5. Host the swap event or coordinate deliveries.
 6. Donate leftovers to charity.
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Idea 37: Online Gratitude Challenge

One-line summary:

Encourage members to share daily thankfulness posts online.

Description:

Invite your group to commit to posting one thing they're grateful for each day on social media for a week or month. Encourage using a shared hashtag. This public witness of gratitude can inspire friends, spread positivity, and gently introduce people to faith.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1 week to 1 month.

Benefits:

- Builds a habit of gratitude.
- Publicly models a faith-based mindset.
- Encourages engagement online.
- Easy to involve new people.

Action plan:

1. Set a timeframe and goal.
 2. Choose a hashtag.
 3. Explain the challenge to members.
 4. Post daily thankfulness reflections.
 5. Encourage likes and comments to build momentum.
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Idea 38 (Replacement): Virtual Cooking Class Outreach

One-line summary:

Host an online cooking class to build friendships and share hospitality.

Description:

Your group can organise a virtual cooking session where a volunteer demonstrates an easy, budget-friendly recipe over video call. Participants cook along in their own kitchens. It's a fun, relaxed way to invite friends or neighbours who might not come to a formal church event. Include time for conversation, sharing cooking tips, and a brief prayer or faith reflection at the end to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Low. (Participants buy their own ingredients.)

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours per session.

Benefits:

- Builds authentic relationships through shared activity.
- Easy invitation opportunity for unchurched friends.
- Teaches practical life skills.
- Creates a relaxed context for faith sharing.

Action plan:

1. Choose a simple, affordable recipe.
 2. Assign a volunteer to lead the cooking demo.
 3. Create and share an ingredient list ahead of time.
 4. Promote the event to friends and neighbours.
 5. Host on a video platform with clear instructions.
 6. Encourage conversation and questions during cooking.
 7. End with a short reflection or prayer.
 8. Share photos and celebrate each participant's results.
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Idea 39: Emergency Care Kit Drive

One-line summary:

Collect first aid and hygiene items for local shelters.

Description:

Your group can gather basic first-aid items, soap, toothpaste, and hygiene products to create emergency care kits for people in shelters or transitional housing. Online groups can shop individually and deliver items to a central drop-off.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Medium. ~\$5–\$15 per kit.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks.

Benefits:

- Provides vital supplies to vulnerable people.
- Builds awareness of local needs.
- Teaches practical compassion.
- Easy to repeat seasonally.

Action plan:

1. Contact shelters for needs.
 2. Make a shopping list.
 3. Assign collection tasks.
 4. Assemble kits together or individually.
 5. Deliver to shelters.
 6. Pray for recipients.
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Idea 40: Virtual Testimony Night

One-line summary:

Share personal stories of faith and hope online.

Description:

Organise an online meeting where members share how God has worked in their lives. Invite friends, neighbours, and unchurched contacts to listen in a welcoming environment. It's a powerful, personal way to share the gospel.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Deepens group vulnerability and trust.
- Shares hope with seekers.
- Strengthens personal faith.
- Easy to organise regularly.

Action plan:

1. Choose a date and platform.
 2. Invite group members to prepare stories.
 3. Promote the event to friends.
 4. Set guidelines for sharing.
 5. Host the meeting with prayer.
 6. Offer next steps or follow-up.
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Idea 41: Neighbourhood Prayer Postcards

One-line summary:

Mail handwritten postcards offering prayer to neighbours.

Description:

Your group can write simple, friendly postcards to neighbours offering prayer support. Each postcard includes a warm greeting, an offer to pray for specific needs, and contact info for submitting requests. Online groups can coordinate addresses and mail from home. It's a gentle, non-intrusive way to share God's love.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low. ~\$1 per postcard and stamp.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours for writing and mailing.

Benefits:

- Builds connections with neighbours.
- Opens spiritual conversations.
- Encourages consistent prayer for your area.
- Simple and repeatable outreach.

Action plan:

1. Identify local addresses.
 2. Purchase postcards and stamps.
 3. Write personal, kind messages.
 4. Include instructions for prayer requests.
 5. Mail cards.
 6. Pray for recipients as a group.
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Idea 42: Kids' Activity Pack Delivery

One-line summary:

Create and deliver fun, faith-based activity packs for local children.

Description:

Assemble packs with colouring sheets, crafts, Bible stories, and small treats. Deliver them to local families, schools, or shelters to bless kids with creative, faith-filled fun. Online groups can assemble packs at home and coordinate deliveries or mailing.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low to medium. ~\$2–\$5 per pack.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks to plan and deliver.

Benefits:

- Supports families with children.
- Shares biblical stories creatively.
- Builds connections with local schools or shelters.
- Offers repeatable seasonal outreach.

Action plan:

1. Choose contents for packs.
 2. Gather supplies.
 3. Assemble packs together or individually.
 4. Identify recipient families or organisations.
 5. Deliver or mail packs.
 6. Pray for the children and families.
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Idea 43: Online “Faith and Mental Health” Workshop

One-line summary:

Host an online session discussing faith and mental health tools.

Description:

Invite a mental health professional or experienced church leader to speak about managing stress, anxiety, and maintaining hope. Include prayer, Q&A, and resource sharing. Online groups can easily invite friends, making it an accessible, relevant outreach.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free or honorarium for guest speaker.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Addresses real felt needs.
- Reduces stigma around mental health.
- Equips participants with practical tools.
- Offers spiritual encouragement and prayer.

Action plan:

1. Identify and invite a speaker.
 2. Choose a date and time.
 3. Promote via social media or email.
 4. Set up a video platform.
 5. Host the session with Q&A.
 6. Share resources and offer follow-up prayer.
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Idea 44: Welcome Basket for New Neighbours

One-line summary:

Greet new neighbours with a friendly basket of essentials and treats.

Description:

Your group can identify new residents in your area and prepare small baskets with items like snacks, local info, a handwritten welcome note, and a small gift. Online groups can coordinate shopping and delivery remotely. It's a warm, non-intrusive way to build connections and represent Christ's hospitality.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low to medium. ~\$10–\$30 per basket.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 weeks.

Benefits:

- Makes new neighbours feel seen and valued.
- Opens doors for future relationship.
- Demonstrates the love of Jesus in action.
- Builds community goodwill.

Action plan:

1. Identify new residents.
 2. Decide on basket contents.
 3. Assign shopping tasks.
 4. Assemble baskets together or separately.
 5. Deliver in person with a warm greeting.
 6. Pray for new neighbours as a group.
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Idea 45: Virtual Grief Support Group

One-line summary:

Offer a safe online space for people processing grief.

Description:

Create a gentle, respectful online group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Use video calls to share stories, pray, and discuss healthy ways to process pain with God's help. Invite friends or neighbours who wouldn't attend church but need support.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1 hour per session; ongoing if desired.

Benefits:

- Supports hurting people.
- Breaks isolation and stigma around grief.
- Builds caring, prayerful community.
- Shares the hope of Christ compassionately.

Action plan:

1. Choose a schedule.
 2. Promote discreetly to avoid pressure.
 3. Assign a compassionate facilitator.
 4. Share group guidelines.
 5. Meet via video platform.
 6. Offer prayer and follow-up resources.
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Idea 46: Community Garden Partnership

One-line summary:

Volunteer at or help start a local community garden.

Description:

Work together to plant, weed, and harvest produce at a community garden. Donations can go to food banks or families in need. Online groups can coordinate schedules and donations remotely. It's a sustainable, relational way to serve.

Is this for in-person or online?

Both.

Financial cost:

Low to medium (seeds, tools).

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

Season-long commitment, flexible hours.

Benefits:

- Provides fresh food for those in need.
- Strengthens community partnerships.
- Models stewardship of creation.
- Offers ongoing service opportunities.

Action plan:

1. Find an existing garden or plan a new one.
 2. Coordinate with local councils or groups.
 3. Plan planting schedule and crops.
 4. Assign volunteer shifts.
 5. Harvest and distribute produce.
 6. Pray for recipients and partners.
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Idea 47: Online Marriage Enrichment Night

One-line summary:

Host a virtual event to strengthen marriages with teaching and discussion.

Description:

Invite a guest speaker or use video resources to offer tips for communication, conflict resolution, and spiritual connection in marriage. Include Q&A and breakout discussions. This event blesses couples in your church and community.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free or low (optional honorarium or resource costs).

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Supports healthy marriages.
- Provides practical tools.
- Creates space for couples to connect.
- Easy to invite unchurched friends.

Action plan:

1. Choose a speaker or resource.
 2. Set a date and time.
 3. Promote to couples.
 4. Host via video call.
 5. Facilitate breakout discussions.
 6. Offer follow-up resources or prayer.
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Idea 48: Virtual Art or Craft Workshop

One-line summary:

Offer an online creative workshop to connect and bless others.

Description:

Your group can host an online session where participants learn a simple art or craft—painting, knitting, card-making. Invite friends or neighbours for a relaxed, fun time. Include an encouraging devotional or prayer at the end.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Low. (Participants may need basic supplies.)

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours.

Benefits:

- Builds connections through creativity.
- Offers stress relief and fun.
- Easy to invite new people.
- Provides a platform for gentle faith sharing.

Action plan:

1. Choose a craft or art project.
 2. Create a supply list.
 3. Set a date and time.
 4. Promote the event.
 5. Host on a video platform.
 6. Include short devotional or prayer.
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Idea 49: Virtual Choir or Worship Collaboration

One-line summary:

Record and share a collaborative online worship video.

Description:

Invite members to record themselves singing or playing an instrument. Combine the videos into a single worship song to share online. This creative project unites group members despite physical distance and can bless others who watch.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free (basic video editing software).

How many people needed?

Any size group.

How long will it take to implement?

2–4 weeks including editing.

Benefits:

- Encourages creative worship.
- Builds team spirit.
- Shares uplifting content with others.
- Can be repeated with new songs.

Action plan:

1. Choose a song.
 2. Assign parts to members.
 3. Provide recording guidelines.
 4. Collect videos.
 5. Edit into one final video.
 6. Share online and encourage viewers.
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Idea 50: Storytelling Night for Seniors

One-line summary:

Host an online evening where seniors share their life stories.

Description:

Create a virtual space where older church or community members can share memories, lessons, and testimonies. Younger participants listen, ask questions, and learn. It's a beautiful way to honour seniors, preserve wisdom, and build intergenerational bonds.

Is this for in-person or online?

Online.

Financial cost:

Free.

How many people needed?

Any group size.

How long will it take to implement?

1–2 hours per session.

Benefits:

- Honours and values seniors.
- Preserves meaningful stories.
- Fosters intergenerational connection.
- Shares faith and wisdom naturally.

Action plan:

1. Invite seniors willing to share.
2. Choose a date and time.
3. Promote to families and friends.
4. Host on a video platform.
5. Encourage respectful listening and questions.
6. Close with prayer and thanks.