



# SHEPHERDING

## *The Flock*

2025 Ohio State Meeting  
June 27-28

## Taking Care of the Community

Luke 10

<sup>25</sup> And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

<sup>26</sup> He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

<sup>27</sup> And he answering said, Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and **thy neighbour as thyself**.

<sup>28</sup> And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

Luke 10:25-28

<sup>29</sup> But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And **who is my neighbour?**  
Luke 10:29

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## Define your community.

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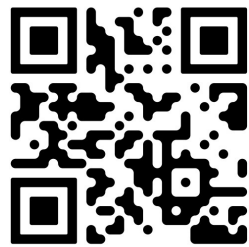
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How many neighbors do you have within a 15-minute drive of your church? **32,240**



HOW WELL DO YOU **REALLY**  
**KNOW** YOUR NEIGHBORS?



know your  
community  
WITH CHURCH ANSWERS

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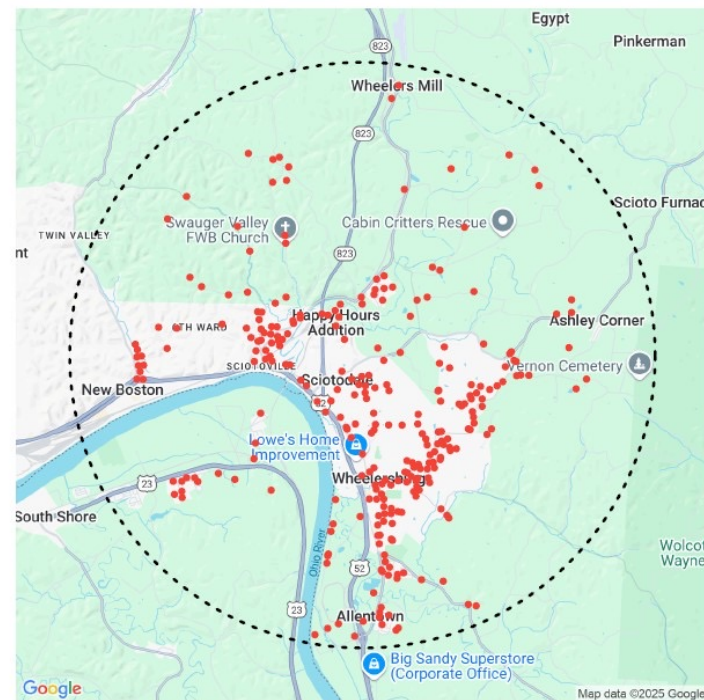


**Your neighbor  
is your  
neighbor.**

**241 new  
neighbors in  
the last 6  
weeks.**



### Your Low-Hanging Fruit - New Neighbors



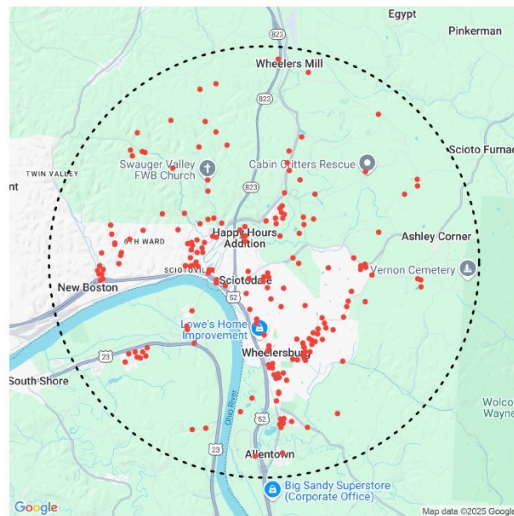
This map shows icons for the homes in your focus area which have moved in during the last 12 months. When they have moved in from outside your mission field, they are the most likely people to visit your church - especially when church members will introduce themselves and personally invite them to visit your church.

<sup>30</sup> And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.  
Luke 10:30

# Who are the wounded travelers in your community?

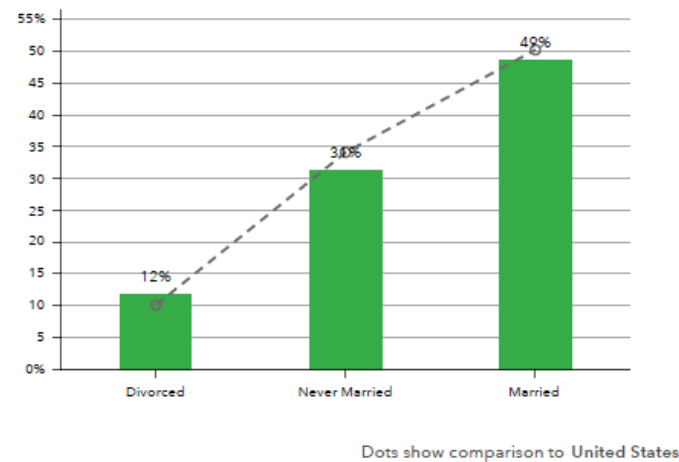


## James 1:27 Widows



**2,214 Widows**

## CURRENT ADULT MARRIAGE % (vs NATIONAL AVG)

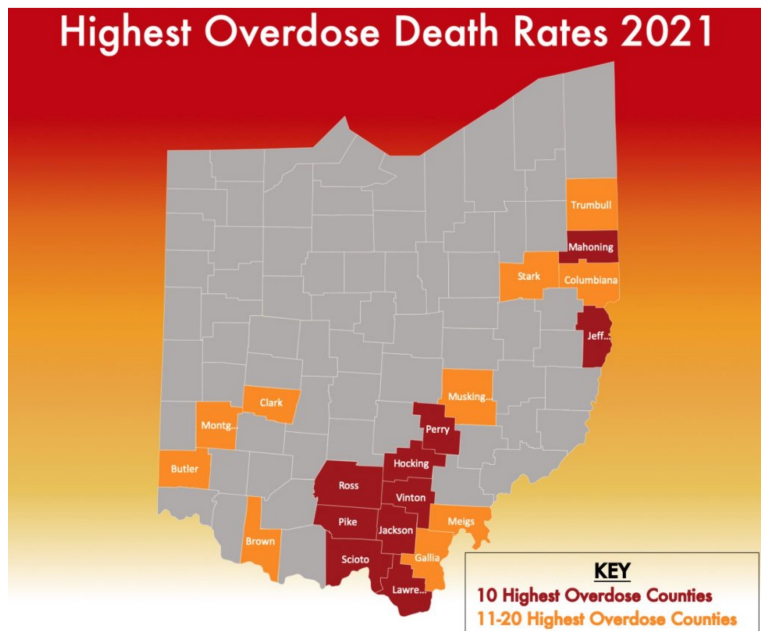


**2,214 Divorced people**

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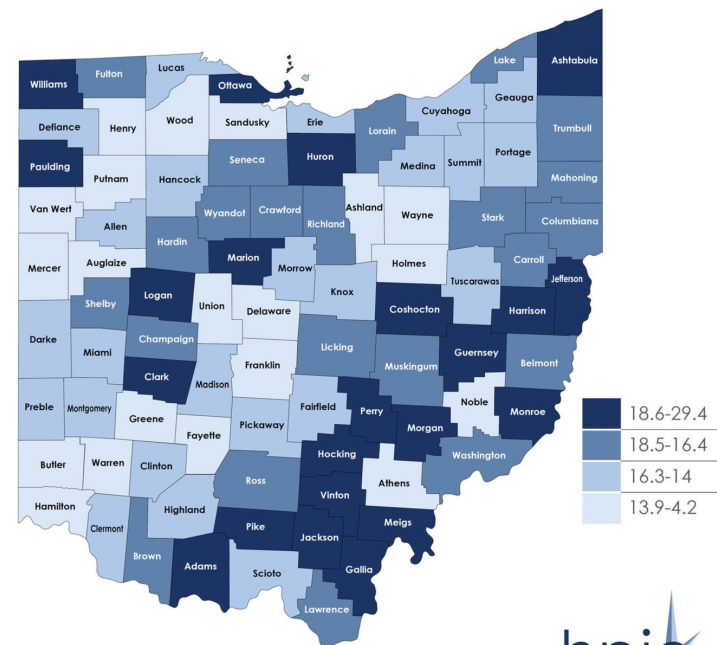


# Who are the wounded travelers in your community?



## Suicide rates vary across Ohio counties

Number of suicide deaths per 100,000 population, by county, Ohio, 2017-2022\*



\*2021 and 2022 data is preliminary

Source: HPIO Data Snapshot "Suicide in Ohio." Data from Ohio Department of Health, Public Health Data Warehouse



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# How Pastors & Non-Christians See the Church's Role

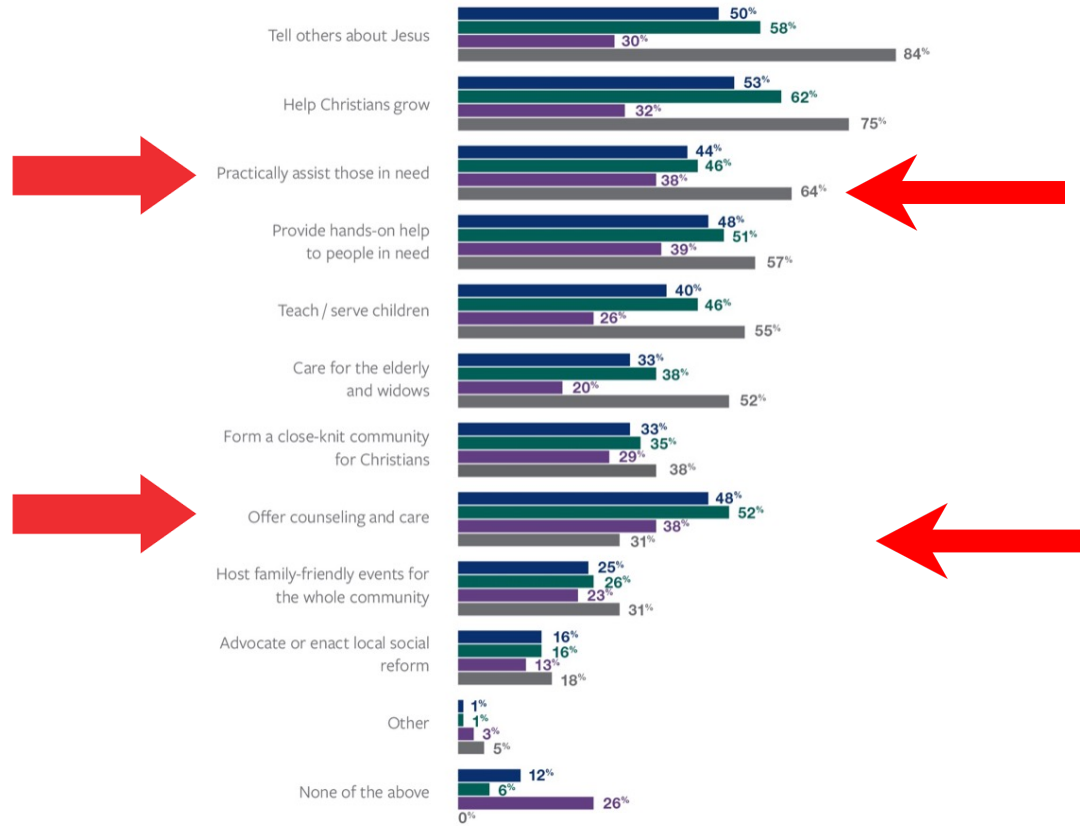
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**IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS A CHURCH'S ROLE IN A COMMUNITY?  
PLEASE SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.**

● 2020: All U.S. adults ● 2020: Christians ● 2020: Non-Christians ● 2022: Pastors



Source: Barna Group  
n=1,520 U.S. adults, October 9–20, 2020; n=584 U.S. Protestant senior pastors, September 6–16, 2022.

<sup>31</sup> And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he **passed by** on the other side.

<sup>32</sup> And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and **passed by** on the other side.

Luke 10:31-32



# Why did they pass by?

- Someone else will help

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# Why did they pass by?

- Someone else will help
- Time

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# Why did they pass by?

- Someone else will help
- Time
- Fear

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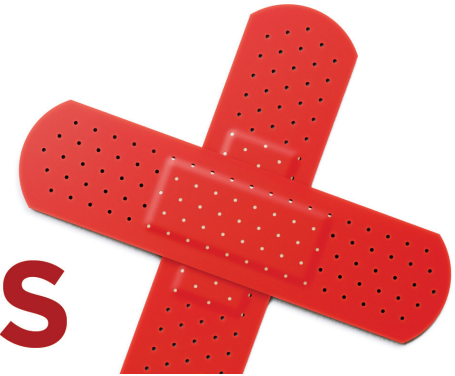
# Why did they pass by?

- Someone else will help
- Time
- Fear
- Helpless

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# **FIRST** AID *for* EMOTIONAL **HURTS**



**Equip Your Congregation  
to be First Aid Ready**



<sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

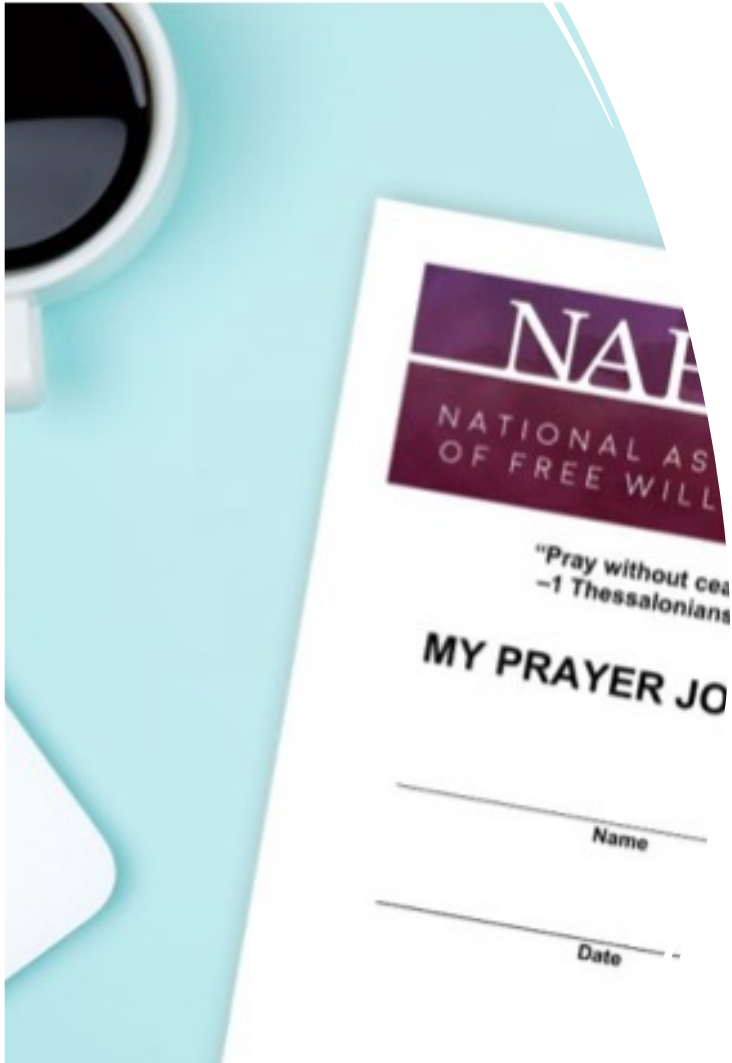
<sup>34</sup> And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup> And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Luke 10:33-35

# What tools do you have?

- Prayer



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# THE **BLESS** APP

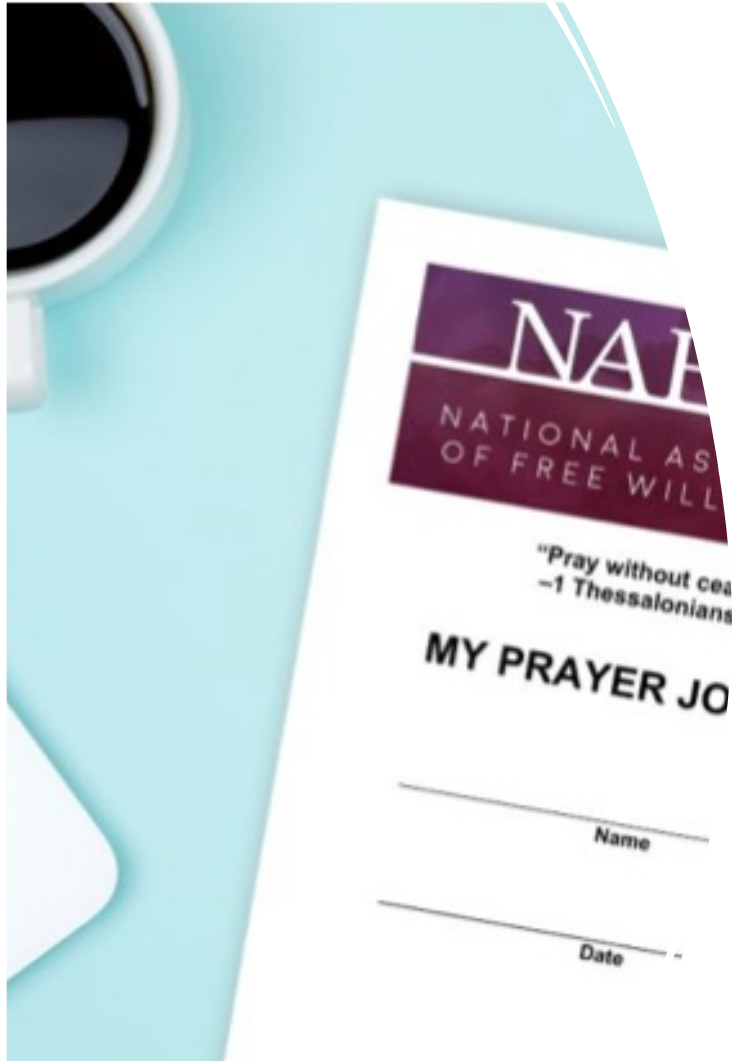
PRAY | LISTEN | EAT | SERVE | STORY



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# What tools do you have?

- Prayer
- Pray aloud

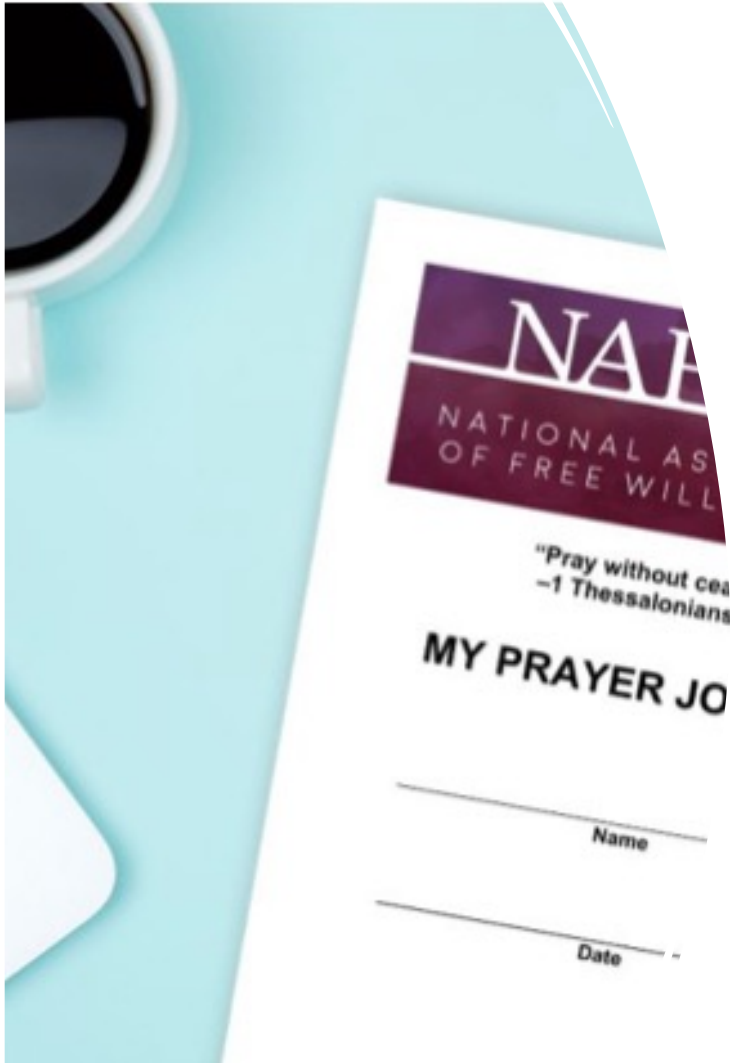


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# What tools do you have?

- Prayer
  - Pray aloud
  - Pray by name

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## WORST CASE SCENARIO

When your world turns upside down, remember Psalm 46:

- + God will help you and be your refuge and strength (verse 1).
- + God will be with you and will not be moved (verse 5).
- + Do not fear (verse 2), behold the works of the Lord (verse 8), and be still (verse 10).
- + The same God who helped Jacob (and all believers before you) will be your refuge (verses 7, 11).

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## What tools do you have?

- The Word
- For comfort

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# What tools do you have?

- Prayer
- The Word
- For comfort
- For direction

## DEFEATING FEAR

A prescription for controlling your fear:

- +Start the day rejoicing (Philippians 4:4). Read the Bible and see the character and characteristics of God.
- +Face Your Fear. What is the worst that could happen? Whatever it is, God will help you (Matthew 28:20).
- +Pray. Take whatever is bothering you straight to the Lord and ask for His help (Philippians 4:6).
- +Combat negative thoughts (2 Corinthians 10:5). Take a walk; get outside. Look for examples of God's care for you in what you see (Matthew 6:25-34).
- +Focus on the Scripture. When a fearful thought arises, combat it with a favorite Scripture. When you think you won't make it, read passages like Psalm 121.
- +Think rightly. Limit your intake of media or anything else that increases your distress. Be intentional about what you view, read, or watch (Philippians 4:8).
- +End the Day Well. Our brains dwell on what we think about before bedtime (Psalm 63:6). Avoid media and spend time in the Word (Psalm 1) and talking to the Lord, which leads to peace (Philippians 4:6).

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# What tools do you have?

- Your Words
  - Text

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  - Text
  - Social media message

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  - Card

## The Surprise of Reaching Out: Appreciated More Than We Think

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People are fundamentally social beings and enjoy connecting with others. Sometimes, people reach out to others—whether simply to check-in on how others are doing with brief messages or to show that they are thinking of others by sending small gifts to them. Yet, despite the importance and enjoyment of social connection, do people accurately understand how much other people value being reached out to by someone in their social circle? Across a series of preregistered experiments, we document a robust underestimation of how much other people appreciate being reached out to. We find evidence compatible with an account wherein one reason this underestimation of appreciation occurs is because responders (vs. initiators) are more focused on their feelings of surprise at being reached out to. A focus on feelings of surprise in turn predicts greater appreciation. We further identify process-consistent moderators of the underestimation of reach-out appreciation, finding that it is magnified when the reach-out context is more surprising: when it occurs within a surprising (vs. unsurprising) context for the recipient and when it occurs between more socially distant (vs. socially close) others. Altogether, this research thus identifies when and why we underestimate how much other people appreciate us reaching out to them, implicating a heightened focus on feelings of surprise as one underlying explanation.

**Keywords:** appreciation, social relationships, surprise, gifts, prediction

**Supplemental materials:** <https://doi.org/10.1037/pspi0000402.supp>



# *the* HOPE INITIATIVE

A SIMPLE, BUT NOT  
SIMPLISTIC, APPROACH TO  
IMPACTING YOUR COMMUNITY  
EFFECTIVELY WITH THE GOSPEL

*partnering with* CHURCH ANSWERS



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- The Church
- Worship

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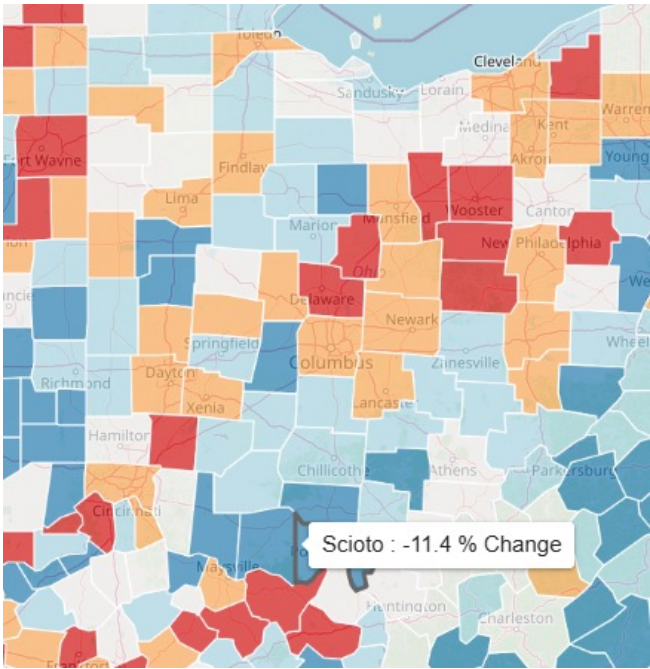
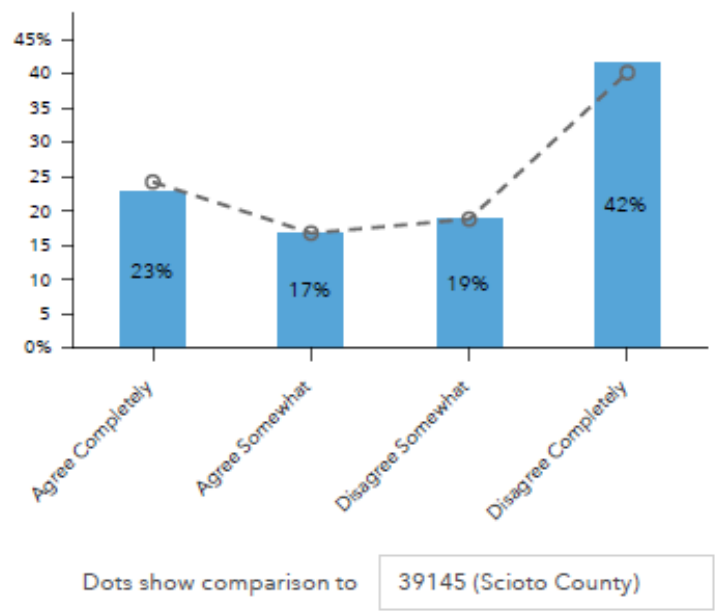


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- The Church
- Worship
- Fellowship
- Activities

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DO YOU ATTEND RELIGIOUS SERVICES  
REGULARLY? (vs NATIONAL AVERAGE)



19,666 occasionally or rarely attend religious services.

Opiates of the Masses?  
Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion

Tyler Giles  
Wellesley College

Daniel Hungerman  
University of Notre Dame and NBER

Tamar Oostrom  
The Ohio State University

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**What tools do you have?**

- Your Relationships
- Work

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# What tools do you have?

- Your Relationships
- Work
- Neighbors

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## What tools do you have?

- Your Relationships
- Work
- Neighbors
- Family

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## PEOPLE NEED YOU...

- + To be filled with the Spirit (Genesis 41:38; Daniel 5:11), so you can help them when others can't (Genesis 41:15; Daniel 5:8).
- + To have a biblical perspective, being better not bitter (Genesis 45:5, 7; 50:19-21; Romans 8:28).
- + To be concerned for them (Genesis 40:5-6; Exodus 32:32; Daniel 4:27; Nehemiah 1:3-4).
- + To live a sacrificial lifestyle (Esther 4:14; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; 2 Corinthians 5:20).

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## The Character and Techniques of the Responder

- The Fruit of the *Spirit*
- *Confidentiality*

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## Techniques of the Responder

- Observing
  - Depression
  - Complicated Grief
  - Addiction
  - Family difficulties

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# HELPING THE **HURTING** AROUND YOU

When you see people in need,  
go to them (Luke 10:33, 37).

Meet basic needs (Luke 10:34).

Get them to someone who  
can provide more extensive  
assistance (Luke 10:35).

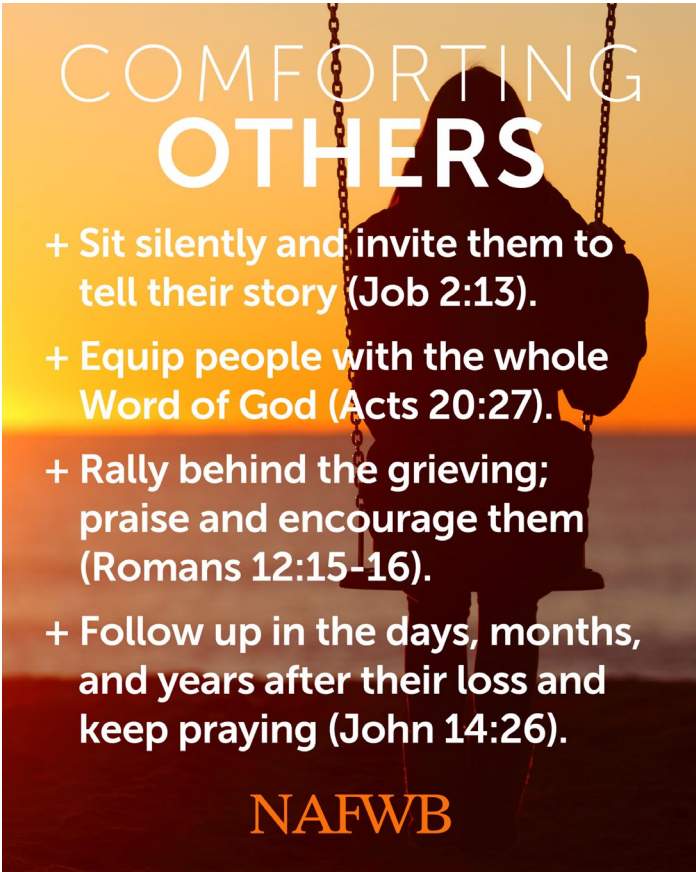
## Techniques of the Responder

- Attending

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# Techniques of the Responder

- Listening

A person is seen from behind, sitting on a swing. The background is a warm sunset or sunrise sky with orange and yellow hues. The person's silhouette is dark against the bright sky.

## COMFORTING OTHERS

- + Sit silently and invite them to tell their story (Job 2:13).
- + Equip people with the whole Word of God (Acts 20:27).
- + Rally behind the grieving; praise and encourage them (Romans 12:15-16).
- + Follow up in the days, months, and years after their loss and keep praying (John 14:26).

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## Techniques of the Responder

- Observing
- Attending
- Listening
- Caring (Empathy)

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# Find the Inn

**+Finding Help** explores the helping process and how to find the particular helping professional needed.

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# The First Aid Ready Process

Leader selection

Kick off sermon

Group formation and  
acquisition of resources

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# Becoming First Aid Ready

40 days of readings

40 days of action steps

Developing plans for . . .

- Widows
- Sudden death
- Depressed
- Suicide
- Psychosis
- Families

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## First aid ready is . . .

- A brief 40-day preparation process where participants obtain general information about the emotional problems people in their community are most likely face and the tools and techniques they need to assist them
- An opportunity for participants to learn how to be the hands and feet of Christ, confidently helping those they interact with.



# First aid ready requires . . .

- A leader to meet weekly with participants to monitor their progress and develop church wide plans to help people. The leader will need to go through the readings and activities before trying to lead the group to be prepared to help participants process the information.
- The book *First Aid for Emotional Hurts—Revised Edition*.
- The *First Aid* kit from D6 Family is also needed as a resource. The booklets are described *First Aid*, along with ways to use them.
- 3-8 participants over each 40 day process so that the group can learn together and support one another.



## After the group. . .

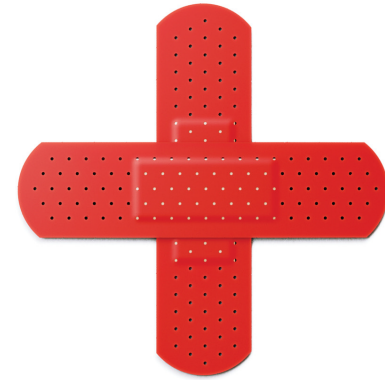
- Participants are encouraged to lead another group to help others become first aid ready.
- You can always call the NAFWB at 877-767-7659 or email us at [questions@nafwb.org](mailto:questions@nafwb.org) for help or to address any questions.





***Are you ready?***

*Don't let your fear of not  
knowing what to do  
keep you from helping someone!*



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EMOTIONAL HURTS



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<sup>36</sup> Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

<sup>37</sup> And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, **Go, and do thou likewise.**

Luke 10:37





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