

“Encourage One Another Challenge” For July 2020

“¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

During the month of July, you are invited and encouraged to try as many of the following experiments listed below as you can in your neighborhood. Each time you try an experiment, cross it off on your card, and keep a written and/or photo journal of what happened during the experiment, paying special attention to where and how you saw God at work. Then, join us on Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 PM to share stories with each other about how it went and where and how we saw God at work during these experiments. Remember, these activities can be done at home, as well as at the cottage or even while on vacation! See how many “Bingos” you can complete. For each Bingo (5 in a row) you complete, you will be entered into a celebration prize drawing at the end of the month. If you complete all 24 experiments, you have the chance to receive the grand prize. We hope that you will join us in “Encouraging One Another.”

Do a prayer walk in your neighborhood, praying for each household.	Write encouraging chalk messages on the sidewalk or your driveway at night so it surprises people in the morning.	Invite neighbors to join you for take out from a local restaurant	Talk to your neighbors while you walk (keeping your required distance, of course).	Volunteer at a local non-profit or charity.
Bring goodies to your local police department and/or fire station to thank them for their service	Clean up trash from the streets and parks near your home.	Set up a chalkboard in front of your house and write messages for passersby.	Host a simple outdoor summer gathering for neighbors; provide donuts, ice cream, hot dogs, etc.	Leave thank you notes for your local postal carriers, your Amazon, or FedEx delivery drivers
Set up a few chairs in your front yard and commit to sitting in them, providing an opportunity start conversations with those who walk by	Ask your neighbors how you can pray for them	FREE	Deliver a note or a door hanger to your neighbors, with your contact info so they can contact you if they need anything.	Invite neighbors to run/walk with you at a set time each week (keeping your required distance, of course).
Host a scavenger hunt in your neighborhood	Provide a basket of dog treats and water for your four-legged neighbors	Write thank you notes to your city officials and deliver them to their office	Set up a prayer box, similar to a Lending Library, in your yard for people to submit prayer requests	Provide a basket of sidewalk chalk for the kids in your neighborhood to take and use.
Provide a box of dog waste bags in your front yard for those walking their dogs	Prepare 3 questions that can bring your neighborhood conversions past “hello”. Try them out a few times and see what happens.	Host a front yard prayer gathering in your neighborhood	Drop off a goodie basket to your local city hall	Collect your neighbor’s contact info to produce a neighborhood listing you can share with your neighbors