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## "Outreach ministry" is what we call it in the church. Sometimes we say "reaching our neighbors."

At the heart, it means God is in the world, our world, our neighborhood, powerfully present and active. GOD IS OUT THERE! AND WE WANT TO BE PART OF IT! But, how?

## What if outreach ministry had Jesus' model of friendship at the center of it? Friendship at the margins -- out there where God already is!

While sounding simple, this is a powerful perspective that can reorient ministry and mission. Is God's calling us into our communities really that up close and personal? With friendship at the center it is all about relationships, hospitality and community -- in mission with God and God's people in God's world.

The Center has launched a new learning module -- Joining God in the Neighborhood

**JOINING GOD OUT THERE... IN OUR WORLD** involves going as Jesus went, doing as Jesus did. But, Go where? Go with whom? How? Joining God in the Neighborhood helps you ask the questions and discover the answers.



*Joining God in the Neighborhood* is a downloadable learning module with real tools and concrete practices for engaging your neighborhood in faithful and fruitful mission.

We are hearing church leaders say, "engaging our wider community is a priority,we need to become better at this!"