

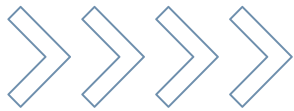
Prayerwalking

“When Sanballat and Tobiah heard that someone had come to seek the welfare of the city and the sons of Israel, it displeased them” (Nehemiah 2:10).

Jerusalem was the Kingdom of God on earth, and so Nehemiah’s mission was not just the building of walls and the replacement of gates it was the establishment of a heavenly kingdom on earth. The welfare of the people is a big part of His Kingdom! **To do this he had to live among the people...something Jesus Himself did...we call this *incarnational* living.**

“And so the Living Expression became a man and lived among us! We gazed upon His glory, the glory of the One and Only Who came from the father overflowing with tender mercy and truth!” (John 1:14).

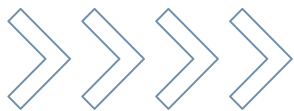
The word ‘seek’ in Nehemiah 2:10 *means to search, to examine with the primary emphasis being on touching, feeling, observing or discerning.* **This is only made possible by prayerfully and intelligently entering the world we’re concerned about.** One of the ways we can do this is by prayerwalking, or praying while we walk.



Prayerwalking our community will cultivate within us a greater sense of empathy, sympathy and genuine love for our neighbors.

Prayerwalking will:

- Make us more sensitive to God’s heart for our city.
- Awaken us to the brokenness and needs of people.
- Make us more aware of what God is up to and how we fit into His work.
- Open our ears to God’s solutions.
- Create divine encounters with our neighbors.



When Prayerwalking be:

Intentional—remain focused, alert and avoid chatter.

Sensitive—to your 5 senses and more importantly, be receptive to the Holy Spirit’s direction. He loves our neighbors more than we do.

Detailed—keep a journal to record observations, ideas, promptings, names, important details, and prayer requests.

Communicative — Debrief with your prayer partner and Neighborhood Gathering leader.

Consistent— even if it seems strange or daunting, God will speak if we remain faithful.

