

Community Questionnaire and Community Survey

The Community Questionnaire and the Community Survey on the next pages may be photocopied for your use. To photocopy, copy the page that has the form you want to use on *the front and the back of the same paper*; that will give you two two-sided forms, each of them 4¼" x 11".

The Community Questionnaire is a tool for making witnessing opportunities. Do not give this questionnaire to the people you are polling. Ask them the questions and fill in the answers as you go. Engage in friendly conversation as you do so, if they seem open. Be quick to talk about Jesus.

This form is also downloadable at www.clp.org/fishersofmen.

Instructions for using the Community Questionnaire:

- Hold it so people can see the questions.
- Carry a copy of *Have You Heard the Good News?* in case you have an opportunity to share it.
- After leaving, record the information for future contacts.

Suggestions for when to use it:

- Carry a copy of the questionnaire to use in opportune settings.
- Use it door-to-door.
- Take someone out for coffee and use it.
- Visit a neighbor.
- Use it with a schoolmate or a fellow employee at break.
- Use it with the salesman or Jehovah's Witness who comes to your door.

The Community Survey is designed to be left with people to fill out. Ask them to hang it on their doorknob, and you will pick it up in an hour when it's completed. (You'll need to cut a + or an × in the top of the survey so that it will fit over a doorknob handily. Experiment with scratch paper until you know what size to cut it.)

The large blank space in the survey is for you to stamp or write your church contact information.

The downloadable version of the survey at www.clp.org/fishersofmen is editable on several spots so that you can enter your church information.

Instructions for using the Community Survey:

- Knock on a door and ask the resident to complete the survey after you leave. State that the purpose of your survey is to meet community needs. Ask them to leave it on their doorknob after completing it.
- Return to pick up the survey within an hour without further disturbing the resident.
- If the person requests any activities or information, follow up at an appropriate time.
- Send a thank-you note to everyone who responds.
- A key to success with this survey is the ability to be able to supply what you offer. If someone indicates a need or comes to your church and feels that it doesn't measure up to what was offered, it hurts instead of helps.

Community Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this simple information survey. When you have completed the information, please place this survey on your door, and we will return within the hour and pick it up.

Family Name

Address

Zip Code

Phone

E-mail

Person completing this form

Head of House Name

Age

Spouse Name

Age

Children

Ages

(over)

1. What do you think is the greatest need in our area?

2. Why do you think many people do not attend church?

3. If you were looking for a church, what kinds of things would you look for? _____

4. Please check any activities you would like to see offered to meet the needs of our area:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Classes for English as a second language | <input type="radio"/> Summer activities for children |
| <input type="radio"/> Home Bible studies | <input type="radio"/> Summer camps for children |
| <input type="radio"/> Topical Bible studies | <input type="radio"/> Weekly evening children's clubs |
| <input type="radio"/> Classes on financial management | <input type="radio"/> Minor home repairs |
| <input type="radio"/> Marriage enrichment classes | <input type="radio"/> Parents' night out |
| <input type="radio"/> Child-training classes | <input type="radio"/> Youth activities |
| | <input type="radio"/> Gardening classes |
| | <input type="radio"/> Mothers' day out |
| <input type="radio"/> Others: _____ | |

5. I'd like information on:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> How to become a Christian. | <input type="radio"/> Spiritual growth. |
| <input type="radio"/> Home Bible studies. | <input type="radio"/> The church that distributed this paper. |
| <input type="radio"/> Youth activities. | <input type="radio"/> Place me on your mailing list. |
| <input type="radio"/> Children's activities. | |

6. We at our church care about you and our community. Would you let us know how we can help you?

Comments, requests, or needs for which we can pray: _____

Community Questionnaire

My name is _____. We are getting acquainted with our neighbors so we can be of service in any way possible. To do so we are asking a few brief questions. The first one is ...

1. How long have you lived in this community? _____

2. Do you have some religious background?

- | | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Baptist | <input type="radio"/> Methodist |
| <input type="radio"/> Buddhist | <input type="radio"/> Mormon |
| <input type="radio"/> Catholic | <input type="radio"/> Muslim |
| <input type="radio"/> Hindu | <input type="radio"/> Pentecostal |
| <input type="radio"/> Jewish | <input type="radio"/> Presbyterian |
| <input type="radio"/> Jehovah's Witness | <input type="radio"/> None |
| <input type="radio"/> Mennonite | <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ |

3. Do you attend a local church?

a. ☐ No ☐ Yes _____
(Print name of local church)

b. About how often? _____

c. On a scale of 1-10, how active are you in your faith?

inactive _____ *moderately active* _____ *very active*

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

4. In the last year or so, have you given much thought to spiritual things? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. What would you say is a person's greatest spiritual need? _____

6. Do you think there is life after death, a Heaven and a Hell? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Why / Why not? _____

7. In your opinion, how would a person prepare to go to Heaven (if it exists)? _____

8. If you died right now, where would you go? _____
Why? _____
Where would you like to go? _____

9. Do you have any specific concerns for which I can pray today and in the coming days?

10. I have a booklet that explains how you can be 100% sure you will go to Heaven.
May I share it briefly, then leave it with you as a gift?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Thank you for answering this questionnaire. Your answers have been helpful. We want you to know that you are welcome to visit our church anytime. **Would you be interested in ...**
(see lower back side of questionnaire)

Visits

DATE						
Day of Week						
Time of Day	a.m.					
	aft.					
	p.m.					
Not Home						

Response: 1. *Prayed* 2. *No Decision* 3. *Rejection*
4. *Partial Questionnaire* 5. *Open to return visit*
Age: 1. 12-18 2. 18-25 3. 25-35
4. 35-50 5. 50+ _____

Name (please print) _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Street Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # / E-mail _____

Additional Information:

Would You Be Interested In ...

... hearing a **story** about ...? ☐ Yes ☐ No

... a free **booklet** that explains how we can be sure of going to Heaven? ☐ Yes ☐ No

... in a free **Bible / New Testament** (if you do not have one)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

... meeting to discuss **questions** you may have about Christianity, etc? ☐ Yes ☐ No

... receiving several Bible **lessons** on how to follow Jesus Christ and receive eternal life? ☐ Yes ☐ No

... describing a way in which we can **help**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

... other: _____

Literature (title or #): _____

Best day / time for future visits: _____