

GROW Training Guides

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Preparing the Soil of the Heart, Part 2

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2. Schedule regular _____ ministry events—expos, cooking schools, free clinics, supper clubs, etc.
3. Discover other community needs by talking to _____ leaders (mayor, police chief, etc.) in the local community.
4. Conduct projects and ministries that build _____ with those in your community and show that you desire their good.
5. Develop and plan so that _____ member is involved in some way in these churchwide community ministries.

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