

## Introduction (PLEASE READ AS A GROUP)

There has never been a time in history when people have been outwardly more divided. Where once people living in a neighborhood knew each other's names, would regularly stand together on a cool evening, kids playing around them, while the adults were talking.

This four-session experience is not a Bible study, rather an "application" exercise to put into the practice the Biblical practice of hospitality beginning where you live.

## Series goal:

- To become more aware of one's own neighborhood, different people groups, nationalities, ethnicities.
- To have group members identify who and how many of their neighborhood they know by name, and to increase that number 2x or more over the course of the four-week study.
- To learn effective ways of being the "lighthouse" in their neighborhood— the one, safe household people would trust to pray for any needs they might know about.

## **Our Teachers:**

Fouad Masri is an author and lecturer, born and raised in the war zone of Beirut, Lebanon. As a third-generation pastor, he has a passion for equipping and training Christians to share the love of Christ with Muslims. Fouad founded Crescent Project, which in just the past ten years alone has equipped over 321,000 Christ followers with an effective reach of 1.6 million Muslims. Fouad lives in Middle Tennessee with his wife, and they have two grown children.

Steve Helm is a third-generation pastor whose journey has led him to develop churches, ministries, and sustainable coffee businesses in nine of the poorest countries in our world. He believes Jesus is the hope of the world and the local church is the primary delivery system. He is known as a creative and strategic leader, seeing less obvious opportunities valuable to the cause of Christ, and has served as Executive Pastor of dynamic U.S. based churches. He lives in Middle Tennessee with his wife, Julie, have three grown and married children and eight grandchildren. Steve serves alongside Fouad Masri as Chief Operations Officer of Crescent Project.