



Lent Week Seven

Barry Steiner Ball interviews Wayne Worth
Neighbors in Action

1. Wayne has created a very simple, inexpensive program of going door to door in a neighborhood to provide helpful information for neighbors who might be suffering on some level from the opioid epidemic. Take a moment and imagine your church was willing to start a Neighbors in Action ministry, make a list of the costs in supplies, time and talent. Do you have a list that is too large to tackle?
2. What resources would you list on your Neighbors in Action information sheet. The 1-844-HELP 4 WV is available for everyone in West Virginia. What else is available in your area? The best way to find out what is available is a face to face meeting with persons who are providing the resource. When you discover what is available in your area, these are potential programs for the church to be involved in. When you discover missing resources, these are also places for the church to step up and be involved.
3. Wayne says, Neighbors in Action's purpose is to empower our neighbors with love and hope. How many times have you been handed a Bible track that basically tells you that you are on your way to eternal damnation if you do not change your ways? How is Neighbors in Action different? Imagine you were a non-church attending resident in a neighborhood and your child was suffering from addiction. How would you want to be approached by a church? How did Jesus approach people who needed some sort of healing? Imagine again your church has started a Neighbors in Action ministry. What are some of the relationships that could develop while "empowering our neighbors with love and hope?" If you imagine Neighbors in Action as a first step, what other ministries are possible?
4. Wayne says, "there are no rules to be a reflection of Christ." Where is God leading you? Where is God leading your Church?