



# 21st Century Evangelicals

A snapshot of the beliefs and habits of evangelical Christians in the UK

Are we good neighbours?

Discussion questions

We hope you have been able to read our recent research report *Are we good neighbours?* which is available at <a href="https://www.eauk.org/snapshot">www.eauk.org/snapshot</a>.

This handout suggests some questions and discussion starters that can be used by small groups to dig deeper into the findings. The questions are based on the main research findings, available on pages 4-5 of the report.

You might want to start by praying together and reading a Bible passage such as Mark 12:28-33, Luke 10:25-37, Romans 13:8-10 and James 2:8.

### Neighbours across the world

- When you hear the phrase 'love your neighbour' what first comes to mind?
- Would you say you are a good neighbour to people overseas?
- Are you a good neighbour to people from overseas who live in the UK?

### **Looking out for strangers?**

- Do you look out for ways to be a blessing to strangers?
- If people observed your life, would they say you are a good neighbour?
- Have you recently regretted not helping someone you saw in need? Would you act differently next time?

### Should we know our next-door neighbours?

- Do you know your next-door neighbours?
- In the society we live in today is it important for Christians to know their next-door neighbours?
- Does your church teach about what it means to "love your neighbour"?



# Discussion questions

# Do we know our neighbours?

- If you don't know your neighbours well, are there ways you can get to know them more? Does anything hold you back?
- If you know your neighbours well, share with the group how you built relationships with them
- How can you creatively show God's love to your neighbours?

# Are we sharing our faith?

- Do you find it easy to share your faith with others?
- Do your neighbours know you are a Christian? How did/might they respond?
- Have you ever prayed for your neighbours, and did they know?

## Do we care about our local communities?

- How have you come to live where you do? Do you feel God has called you there?
- Are you involved in the local community?
- Being honest, do you care about your neighbourhood? Do your actions back this up?

#### Is the Church involved in the neighbourhood?

- Is your church actively involved in the wider community?
- Do you volunteer with a secular or a church-run project/activity, or regularly take part in any local social groups, clubs or activities?
- Would you consider volunteering with a secular project/activity?
- Can you think of any ways your church can encourage people to be good neighbours?