

**Life Group Notes**  
**Stand Alone Life Group Notes**  
**Toolkit: Invest In Your Patch**  
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**Welcome**

Ask the group how many of their neighbours' names they know!  
Have you ever had any street parties, barbeques or get togethers?

**Word**

**Mark 16:15** - He said to them "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

**Where's your "patch"?**

Most of us have what we would call "our patch" which is where we live and do life. This week, is an opportunity, as a group to think about what "the patch" is for us, where we can collectively, have the most impact.

The "patch" will be the geographical area/work place(s)/spheres of influence/relationships that your lifegroup members are part of and the group can collectively support them in their outreach. Ideally the "patch" would be a **shared vision for the group** to be involved with as an **outreach area**.

**Works**

First of all, have a broad discussion about how your lifegroup can support each other in outreach and to see if there is a common "patch".

Outreach for the lifegroup could take many forms, dependent on the nature of your group membership.

**1) Is your patch a common geographical area?**

Talk with your group members about the needs of the local area and ideas about how you as a group could practically help (see list below).

**2) Is your patch covering a wide geographical area?**

If the group members are from a wide geographical area, have a discussion about the different areas that you cover through all the lifegroup members and see which area/project could involve the whole group. You may feel that a number of different areas/projects would be a good focus for future outreach activities.

**3) Is your "patch" around people's work places?**

Is there a common work theme within the group that you could pray into and support people in their outreach?

**4) Is your "patch" a common area within society that your group members feel strongly about and want to get involved in?**

Think and pray about what information you would need to get involved and how you could do this as a group.

**Practical Ideas:**

- Picking up litter
- Gardening
- Decorating for people who need
- Prayer walk
- Helping people living close to a life group member with a practical need.