

# HOPE & HEALING (SMALL GROUP)

## Lesson 1: Pros vs Cons

Objective: How we can help our neighborhood thrive



**ACTIVITY:** Asset Mapping of the neighborhood you meet in. Make sure you have prepared a simple map of the community. Explain what Asset Mapping means and how it helps most people see their neighborhood better after this activity.

### Some Questions to ask to guide the group:

PROS:

What are the names of the schools in this area?

What stores do you go to when you want a snack?

Which stores sell clothes, hats, shoes, t-shirts, etc.?

How many doctor's offices, clinics, or prompt cares are there?

Are there any electronic or appliances repair shops?

Where do people go to pay their bills (water, mobile, lights, etc)?

How many churches/religious organizations are in the neighborhood?

Are there recreation centers or parks?

What are the full service restaurants?

Any libraries or reading programs?

Are there some other special places you want to list?

After working on some of the Pro questions ask them what they think are some cons of the neighborhoods. Be ready to write where everyone can see them. Get 5-10 cons to help the conversation. The leader can talk through what can be done about the cons of the neighborhood and next steps on how the group can make them better. The goal is to guide their thinking to improving, empowering, and healing their own neighborhoods. Point out that if this is not their neighborhood, they can do this for where they live and help develop hope and value in their homes, on their block/housing project, and help everyone feel better about living where they live. Healing the land can show Christ in you.

### FOCUS SCRIPTURE: Summarize Numbers 13-14

Where only two spies saw what God promised them and they were blessed to see the Promised Land when the older generation had to die first. Teaches us to see positive in our community when others may see all the negatives.