



**IDEAS FOR OUTREACH  
FOR THOSE IN THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE  
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**HOW TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES  
IN YOUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**First, consider having an outreach committee for your group for those in the second half of life to be actively looking for ways for the group to give back to the community. Research active non-profits in your community that are already organized and meeting needs. Find out what they need and what you can do. This outreach committee will be responsible for working throughout the year to recognize and suggest involvement, especially for special days such as Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas. Sign up for local newsletters to find out what needs are in the community.**

**Second, share these needs and opportunities for involvement with your group. Choose one thing to get started with and invite the leader of that community project to tell your group about what they do to meet needs in the community and how you can be involved. Appoint a leader and begin to organize your involvement. Recruit people over 50 that are not in your group in order to share the joy.**

**A final step is to grow this ministry as you are able, but especially as God gives you opportunities to make a difference in people's lives. Once you begin to think about how your group can meet needs, you will begin to see those needs all around you, both in and outside the church. Talk to established groups in the church, such as choir, Men's Bible Study, UM Women, Red Hat Ladies Club, etc. to learn if they are open to getting involved in the community. Help them find a way to make a difference. While it may take some time to bridge the gap between your members and your community, it will be well worth the effort.**