

Create Your Relational Map

Discovering the people and places where God is at work

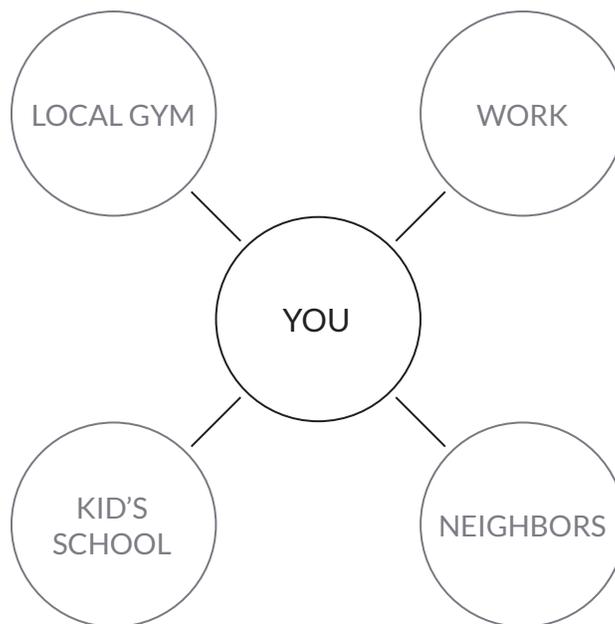
God is on the move all around us. It doesn't matter where we go, his Holy Spirit is there. "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?"

- Psalm 139:7, NIV

We often don't realize that God can and wants to use us in the lives of people around us every day. Stop and reflect on the places where you spend most of your time during the week. It doesn't matter if you don't know anyone there. God can help you connect! Stop, pray and ask him to help you see the places where he has put you to connect with others.

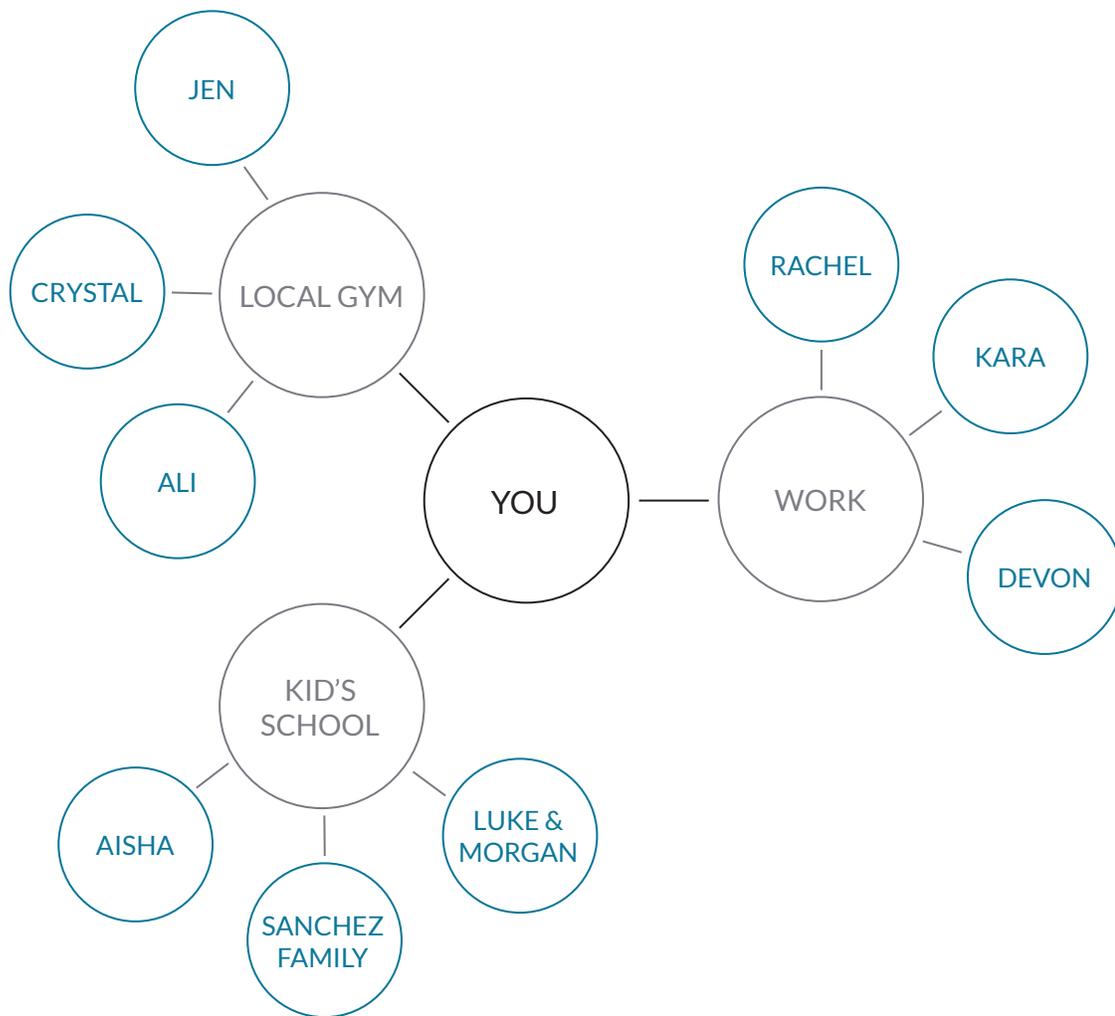
Grab a piece of paper (or use Page 3) to create your own relational map.

This is an example of how this can look.



Think about the people you interact with at those locations. Do you know their names? Have you ever had a conversation with anyone? Are there opportunities to spend time with them outside of those places (going out for lunch with colleagues, being part of Boy Scouts at your kids' school, or having a workout buddy at the gym)?

If you know their names add them onto the place bubbles.



Once you've identified the places and the people, take time to pray for those relationships. Ask God to open your heart and your eyes to see how he is at work. Before seeing them again, pray for opportunities to make a deeper connection. Consider how you can begin to develop a friendship. Ask the Lord to give you the courage to start a spiritual conversation.

Prayer (from Colossians 4:2-6): Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ. That is why I am here in chains. Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

If you are at a point in your relationship where you are having significant conversations, perhaps about things that are challenging in their lives, offer to pray for them.

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