



JOINING GOD

# STEPPING OUT

Learn to see God active in the neighborhood.

Bring Scripture into everyday life.

Listen beyond the walls of the church.

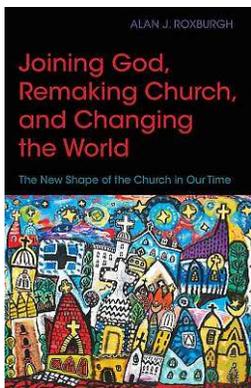
Bridge the divide between church and neighborhood life.

*God is on the move in our churches.*

We have been working with congregations and the systems that support them for over a decade to develop this resource. We've seen it work! We are seeing congregations develop a new awareness of who God is and become energized by a new imagination for Christian life and mission.

Jesus spent the vast majority of his ministry being with people: sharing stories, building relationships, listening and participating in daily living. What if your congregation were to step out into the community not to recruit people or to offer charity but simply to learn to be with others without agenda and open to what the Spirit might already be doing ahead of them in the lives of people all around them?

The Spirit is at work in our congregations among women and men who are joining with what God is doing in their midst. They are experiencing **God's hope-filled future**. This is not about abandoning traditions but about bridging church life and ordinary life, Sunday worship and everyday worship.



*Stepping Out* is a resource to help you begin to experience a new way of being the church. With help from a *Leader's Guide*, you will work through 4 modules. Each module is grounded in the practice of *Dwelling in the Word* and invites participants to try some simple actions in their everyday lives to share with the group.

## 4 Modules

1. Becoming a people of relationship rather than outcomes
2. Listening without agenda
3. Attending to the stories of people in the neighbourhood
4. Discerning what the Spirit might be saying to us

Be a part of a movement in your community and join in God's work that is changing the world!

This flexible resource fits into the life and rhythms of congregations.

- Use it with any existing group (youth group, Bible study group, governing body, etc.) or pull a group together.
- Gather regularly around existing group rhythms and work through the modules together.

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