

"GOSPEL & GROCERIES"

A SERVE QUICK GUIDE



THE IDEA

A drive through experience where families can come to get free groceries and receive prayer - all while staying in their cars!

VOLUNTEER ROLES

10 Volunteers are needed (if there are more, start a serving block and set up a rotation!)

1. Area Lead/Overseer: The Area Lead's role is to work with the Team Coordinator (below) to make sure that all of the on-site tasks are in line and ready to go. They check in with the team coordinator to make sure groceries are ready and bagged, volunteers have checked in, and team members are aware of their roles and know the timing of the event.

2. Team Coordinator: The Team Coordinator's role is to make sure all of the volunteers are aware of the information. Whether it's the timing of the event, the serving schedule, making sure that the groceries are ready to be passed out, instructing volunteers on their tasks, or getting everyone ready to go - the Team Coordinator is in charge of the team!

3. Volunteers Teams:

Welcome Team: This team's role is to be energetic, fun, and attentive. They'll wave at cars and invite them to your drive-thru line and direct them on where to go.

Grocery/Passer Team: This team's role is to make sure every family is getting a smile, groceries, and asking if they want to be prayed for!

Restock Team: As tables get low with grocery bags, this crew's job is to make sure they are getting replenished. While the drive thru is happening, things can pick up at different times so their goal is to make sure the tables are always ready to go.

Prayer Team: Great news, you don't have to be a professional praying machine to be part of this team. A simple smile and a friendly face usually seals the deal and will help engage these families. If someone doesn't want to receive prayer, no problem. Just sharing a simple "Have a great day" and a smile is great. These families will be back and you will have another opportunity to say a prayer a different day if they need it! This team's is to smile, be the hands and feet of Jesus, and be kind to people!

Set up/ Tear Down Team: This team makes sure that every area is ready to go 1 hour before start time - if not earlier. They also ensure that tents and church signage are set up, music player is ready to go, and most importantly - makes sure that grocery bags are filled up and set in place.

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STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use what you have. If you have a church building, then set up your drive thru in your parking lot. If you have an office, set your drive thru in front of your office where you can set up your operations.

In order to do this properly, you will need to have some space to set up your drive thru operations. Imagine what a fast food restaurant drive thru feels like - we want this operation to be the same way!

2. The main set up begins. Set up your tents, tables, and grocery area.

3. Once you have everything set up, you will then **get your music ready** to play since we still want to have some fun while we serve!

4. Make sure every volunteer knows what station they will be serving at. Assign everyone a role. Since there are different areas where volunteers can serve, you want to make sure everyone is knowledgeable of their specific roles. Once the operations begin, it does get busy! Organization is our friend :)



5. Make sure your drive thru area makes sense. This is exactly what it sounds like - a "drive-thru". No need to make it complicated.

A) When cars pull up, the first team they should see is the **Welcome Team**.

B) Once a family is aware of where they need to go, have them pull up. The next group of volunteers that they will meet is our **Grocery/Passer Team**. These volunteers will figure out how many bags of groceries they need, place it in their cars, and voila, that's it!

C) **The next station is our Prayer Team.** This will be the final station that families will see. The volunteers will simply ask if families want to receive prayer. If so, proceed to pray for them. Remember, lines can be backed up so a quick prayer will be just fine. After all, a simple and bold prayer is just as powerful as a longer prayer! Keep the lines moving! However, if families say "no" to prayer, that is totally fine! You will see them again and will have another opportunity to pray for them!

6. That is it! You will have successfully executed a "Groceries and Gospel" drive thru experience!

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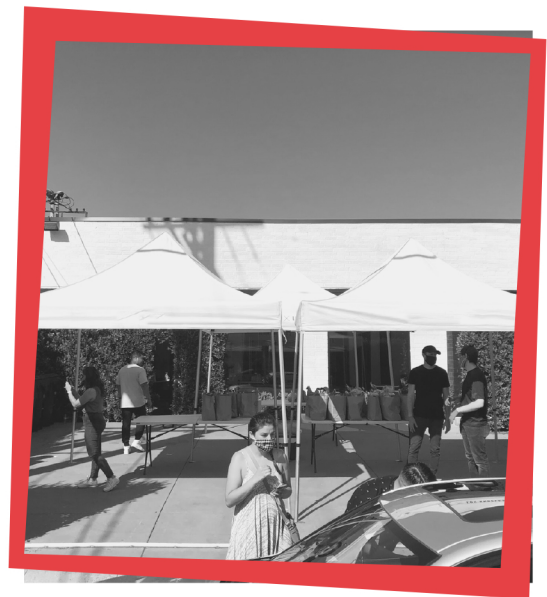
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SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Tents
- Tables
- Traffic Cones
- Grocery Bags + Groceries
- Church Signage
- Bonus - If you want it to be extra fun, get some music out there (Bluetooth music player).

SAFETY TIPS

If your state or area is still in the "shelter at home" policy, make sure that you're practicing social distancing and following the rules. This means that you're wearing a face covering of some sort, gloves if needed, etc. If you need to be six feet apart, then have your coordinator mark your areas with tape. It's better to be safe than sorry. Our job is to help families while following the guidelines of what our government is asking us to do as well!



THE "WIN"

Simply just being there to provide meals for your community is a WIN in itself! If your church has the opportunity to give back, don't sit back on the mission, but take a step and lean in! You will be surprised what God can do with the resources you have!