

After Thoughts

Small Group and Congregational Discussion Guide



What Comes Next ... (p. 5)

1. What process does your church use to intentionally disciple new believers?
2. Why do you think it's so difficult to get small groups running effectively in churches? What do you think could be done to make launching small groups more effective?
3. How does your church build community? How could you help expand this ministry?
4. How do your church leaders, both clergy and laity, nurture and cultivate their spiritual lives?

Strategic Pathways ... (p. 9)

1. Can you identify some "small groups" in your church? Which funnel does each group represent?
2. Which funnel is most often used in your congregation to launch new small groups? How is that working?
3. How could the "drags on group growth" be overcome when using the fishing pond funnel?
4. How could emphasizing oneness help strengthen those in your small groups?

Transforming the Formerly ... (p. 14)

1. Which of the board's excuses have you heard when changes have been suggested? How are these excuses hurting the church in the long run? In the short run?

2. Do you agree that starting with the spiritual disciplines of the core leadership is where transformation actually begins? Why or why not?
3. Which of the leadership expectations (daily prayer, Bible reading; weekly participation in intentional Christian education or small group, etc.) is your leadership currently expected to participate in? Which are you participating in?
4. Share your vision of what your church would be like at the end of the second year if you followed the two-year plan.

Why Your Small Groups ... (p. 26)

1. Does your definition of what a "disciple" is differ from that of the author? If so, how?
2. What's the key difference between a typical small group and a Discipleship Small Group?
3. Have you experienced spiritual transformation through the head > heart > hands paradigm or the head > hands > heart? Explain.
4. How do you think the Discipleship Development questions would help encourage transformation? How could they get in the way?
5. How could the Discipleship Development questions be integrated into a current small group program? 