

20 Questions to Determine Our Church's Health

This is an exercise for reflection which will hopefully prompt useful discussion.

1 = "We haven't even thought about it yet"

5 = "We are in excellent shape in this area"

1. Do we have a clear and common vision?

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Is it biblical, widely known and owned by our members, articulated clearly and frequently by our leadership and in our teaching?

2. Is there purposeful direction in our activities?

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Are we concentrating on planned programs rather than "We've always done it this way"?

3. Is the Word of God seen as the basis of authority?

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Is there an attempt to get beyond our personal prejudices and traditions to biblical truth? Do our classes and groups truly have the Bible as the center of the curriculum?

4. Do our public assemblies inspire true worship?

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Do the songs and sermons glorify Christ? Is our emphasis more on substance or style? Are we emphasizing the cross and life in Christ? Is there a sense of reverence for God and His holiness?

5. Does our church present a positive gospel message?

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Do we deal with sin in a straightforward manner while continually emphasizing God's grace and forgiveness? Do our assemblies leave people with something to help them face the week ahead?

6. Is there a balance between evangelism and edification?

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Is spiritual maturation as important to us as numerical growth? Are people being added to the church by conversion growth, then disciplined in doctrine, spiritual formation, and service skills?

7. Does prayer saturate the life of our church?

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Are prayers that include adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession continually led in our public services? Are special times of private and corporate prayer called for during the year?

8. Is there concerted effort to bring individuals to maturity?

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Is the overall thrust of our public services, classes, and groups to help people mature in Christ?

9. Do we really reach out to people who visit?

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Do we work to make guests feel at home? Do we have systems whereby visitors and friends are led into a small group or class?

10. Is our church aware of the world at its door?

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Are we having a positive impact on our neighborhood and city?

