

HOLY CONVERSATIONS

A STRATEGIC DISCERNMENT PROCESS

THE PURPOSE...

To answer the question, "What is the difference God is calling us to make in the coming season of the church's life?" and create a plan for how to get there.

THIS IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHURCH IF...

- ..there is a clear recognition the congregation's ministry lacks focus.
- ..it has become hard to name the difference the congregation is making.
- ..a building project is envisioned and the leaders realize they must answer the question, "why are we building this?"
- ..the goals from a previous long range plan were either accomplished or abandoned.

WE WILL SEEK TO ANSWER...

- ..what is the true capacity of our congregation to make a difference
- ..how do we define our mission field?
- ..what is the intersection between the congregation's capacity to make a difference and the mission field's most urgent need?
- ..what are the obstacles to focusing our ministry?

THE PROCESS...



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QUESTION

For 6 months, work through the guiding questions as a team.



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REPORT

Report to the congregation after each session.



3

NAME

A smaller group names the calling the team experienced.



4

BE SPECIFIC

A smaller group recommends how to be faithful to the calling.



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IMPLEMENT

The church's leadership group implements recommendations.



Recruit a team of 7-9 people (including the pastor) who aren't scared of big ideas and are spiritually mature. These imaginative people should have great communication skills and the trust of the congregation. They should not be afraid of taking risks. There needs to be at least one liaison to the leadership team and 2-3 new church members who bring fresh eyes.

THE COST... \$4,500

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