

FIVE-FOLD MINISTRIES CHURCH EVALUATION

BREAKOUT HANDOUT

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THE POWERFUL WOOING CURRENT---EVANGELISM

Outcome Statement:

When the evangelism current is strong, we will constantly have people coming to Christ because the church is always sharing about Jesus, loving, reaching out, welcoming all kinds of people, and wooing others to Him. Those working in this current have been empowered by God through the baptism in the Holy Spirit to testify boldly and effectively about what God has done for them. They say exactly what He wants them to say so that souls can be reached, right where they are, with the Good News.

Local Evangelists:

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Newcomer groups and ministries
- Baptism team
- Testimonies and witnessing
- Community outreaches (including give-aways, Adopt-a-block, evangelism dinners, etc.)
- Alpha courses
- Deliverance ministries
- High school “Breakfast Club”
- Children’s ministries, vacation Bible schools, summer sports camps.
- Youth outreaches in the high schools
- Youth and children’s conferences and camps
- Music and drama programs

THE RADICAL FORMING CURRENT---TEACHING/DISCIPLESHIP

Outcome Statement:

When the teaching current is flowing, all new believers become disciples and followers of Jesus who learn to hear and obey His voice, growing and maturing into being more like Him. They produce the fruit of the Spirit and build a close relationship with each member of the Trinity. Those working in this current are strong spiritual models for those they are forming. They are able to communicate and apply the Scriptures accurately and to lead people in the spiritual disciplines.

Teachers/Disciplers:

- A counselor, either a licensed, professional counselor or pastoral counseling
- A guide or mentor
- Being a life coach
- Facilitating specialized groups such Marriage Encounter or Bible study groups
- Having lunch with someone to help them work out a problem
- Training workers of special needs groups
- Teaching a new converts class or membership course
- Teaching Sunday school, children's classes, youth groups, boys' or girls' clubs
- Writing or blogging devotionals
- Teaching workshops at retreats
- Being leaders in boys' and girls' clubs and youth programs
- Sunday School teaching
- Facilitating a small home group
- Working with Bible quiz
- Leading a mothers' gathering or a women's meeting or a men's group
- Preparing and writing curriculum
- Teaching a Bible course at a Christian college or seminary.

THE SYNCHRONIZED CHOREOGRAPHY CURRENT---PASTORING

Outcome Statement:

When the pastoral current is working properly, the church is healthy, being cared for, and guarded. People are functioning together well as a body of believers and are used in the gifts of the Spirit on a regular basis. They prefer one another in love, give space to others to be themselves, and take their place in the body of Christ to serve as God designed and instructs. Those working in this movement are no respecter of persons; they care for everyone. They know people by name, are aware of what is happening to them, minister to their needs, and go after them when they wander off.

Pastoral:

- Besides your professional, pastoral staff, others serve in the pastoring current.
- Compassion ministries (food pantries, etc.)
- Small group leaders
- Visitation (hospital, prison, nursing home)
- Follow-up of people who are absent
- Those working in church communications and networking
- Helping people in crisis or need (including food and any kind of assistance)
- Grief ministry. Caring for widows or other special groups.
- Knowing names, introducing people, connecting, assimilating
- Aware of spiritual growth and needs
- Knowing family health and ministering to problems

THE HOUSECLEANING DIRECTIONAL CURRENT---PROPHETIC

Outcome Statement:

When the prophetic current is active, the church is secure, confident in God, and holy. It is being guided by the Father and corrected as needed. People are receiving confirmation, exhortation, and edification. God is given time to speak and reveal His plans in the midst of business, assembly, and daily life. Those working in this movement are prayer warriors and intercessors, spending time to hear from the Lord. They function in both formal and informal ways and carry around a large toolbox for handling various prophetic situations. They are in tune with God, His heart, His tone, His timing, and His approach, and strongly manifest the fruit of the Spirit.

Prophetic Voices:

- Intercessors and prayer warriors
- Providing insight into God's direction
- Helping with vision and planning
- Caring about holiness and "housecleaning"
- Providing edification
- Exhorting (encouraging), affirming, leading people to hear from God
- Often administrative
- Sharing what the Lord wants to have said in a proper way

THE MIRACULOUS SENDING CURRENT---APOSTOLIC

Outcome Statement:

When the sending movement is strong, the church is able to look outside of itself, take back territory that Satan has previously held, work in signs and wonders to establish God's might, build connections and networks, function and coordinate with other leaders, and maintain sound doctrine and purity within the body of Christ. Those who work in this current are anointed as God's representatives and are sent from Him to various countries, cultural groups, and problem areas. They are innovators, entrepreneurs, church extenders and planters, missionaries, risk-takers, and guards of the core truths of the Church. They move on to take new territory or tasks on a consistent basis because they are called to keep pushing outside of the present boundaries as God directs and sends.

Apostolic Worders:

- Ministries to special needs (the disabled, deaf, prisoners, sex trafficking, etc.)
- Ministering to special groups (youth cultures, the elderly, single parents, college students, etc.)
- Meeting needs in the community (homelessness, hunger, poverty)
- Entrepreneurs, people with new ideas from God, innovators
- Networking---drawing groups and leaders together
- Missions boards; serving and giving to foreign and home missionaries
- Cross-cultural communicators
- Church planting
- Reaching out in the public schools
- Touching military, community workers (like police and firemen), etc.

EVALUATION STRATEGY

1. For today, choose just one of the five-fold.
2. Considering the outcome statement, how well does your church match the ideal outcome?
3. Consider the types of local workers that serve in this current. Perhaps you have other workers not listed. Overall, how healthy is your church in involving your local body of believers in this particular current?

[Note that some activities might be considered under several currents. Consider the prime purpose(s) for each program.]
4. On a scale from 1-10, rate this current for how well it is flowing and working for your congregation.
5. Later, do this process for each of the five-fold. Involve others including staff and board of deacons, etc.
6. Which flow is the weakest?
7. What can you do to shore up this area? Set some plans with a timeline.
8. Do you need to do more “equipping of the saints for the work of the service” in any of these areas? If so, what are you going to do?