

The purpose of this module is to empower congregational leaders to provide vision, motivation, and inspiration for the established congregation.

The outcomes of this module are:

- Discover ways to bring local congregational leaders together.
- Focus on mission and spiritual vitality.
- Engage in holistic and integrated ministry.
- Breathe new life into tired structures and weary workers.



LECTURE

Fill in the blanks below as you follow along with the lecture.

1. Assess the _____ vitality of the congregation.
 - a. The spiritual life of a local church is of utmost importance.
 - b. If assessment reveals that a congregation is wandering off mission, _____ is absolutely essential.
 - c. Spirituality cannot be _____ by feelings only.
 - d. Our relationship with God cannot be assessed by levels of _____ either.
 - e. A couple of warnings are warranted:
 - i. The devil is _____, but must not be blamed.
 - ii. We dare not become problem-focused. We _____ to be solution-focused.
 - f. How does God wish to _____ us?
2. Appraise morale and ask "How do we _____ the joy level?" (Read Acts 2:42-47)
3. Determine available leadership skills by _____ a leadership study to see who is presently serving.
4. Evaluate your _____ in the community.
 - a. How well _____ is the church?

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- b. Ask random people, such as clerks, waiters, managers, teachers, “Have you _____ of our church? What do you know about it?”
 - c. Ask yourself, “What are we _____ for?”
 - d. List the ways in which the church _____ the community.
5. Ask: “What most _____ to be done?”
- a. Prioritize _____.
 - b. Bring people _____ around a mission/ministry.

SELF ASSESSMENT

Answer the following questions. You can focus on one or two questions, or answer all four.

1. On a scale of one to ten, where ten means “the greatest possible spiritual vitality” and one means “no spiritual vitality,” rate your local congregation. #_____ Then, explain your rating. What criteria are you using to make your assessment? (Make sure to consider intangible factors that show actual spiritual development—not just feelings or tangible activities.)

2. What elements of your church’s mission and programs make the greatest spiritual impact in your community? What makes these elements spiritually productive?

3. In your leadership role, what is your current contribution to the spiritual life of the church?

4. What ministries or experiences in the church have had the greatest impact on your own spiritual development? Why did these particular experiences have such impact?

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ACTION PLANNING

Work together with your small group to complete the following plan. You may start this activity today and finish it at a later meeting. The objectives have been listed for you based on today's lecture. Add two or three action steps for each objective, and assign a timeline, work group and leader for each activity. The assigned leader will commit to working with the "who" group to make sure the action step is completed.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION STEPS	TIMELINE	WHO	LEADER
Spiritual renewal	Assess the spiritual vitality of the congregation.	Today during the self assessment activity	Present leadership	Facilitator of the lesson
Increased morale				
Inspired leadership	Conduct a leadership study.			
Community awareness	Ask others about the church's reputation.			

WRAP-UP

Two things I will do differently this week because of what I learned today:

- 1.
- 2.

Two ways I will continue to inspire and support my fellow congregational leaders:

- 1.
- 2.

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