

AN EVALUATION OF EIGHT VITAL SIGNS OF A HEALTHY CONGREGATION

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Congregational Assessment

Proclaims Christ, Expresses Authentic Worship, Make Disciples, Prays Fervently, Models, Servant-Leadership, Fellowships in Love, Serves Others, Seeks God's Vision

After completing the Assessment Tool, a congregation will be able to identify specific areas of strength and weakness, and to pinpoint areas that require special attention.

-- HOW TRUE IS THIS VITAL SIGN? --

Circle one answer for each question.

completely or always mostly or often somewhat or occasionally not much or rarely not at all or never

PROCLAIMS CHRIST

1	Our church proclaims Christ through a Biblically based sermon	1	2	3	4	5
2	Our church proclaims Christ through Sunday School classes for all ages	1	2	3	4	5
3	Our church proclaims Christ through Vacation Bible School	1	2	3	4	5
4	Our church proclaims Christ through personal witness and the testimony of the members	1	2	3	4	5
5	Our individual church members are able to lead a person to Christ	1	2	3	4	5
6	Our church proclaims Christ through weekly Bible study	1	2	3	4	5
7	Our church proclaims Christ through community outreach ministries	1	2	3	4	5

Share other ways your church proclaims Christ

EXPRESSES AUTHENTIC WORSHIP

1	Our worship helps us to wait upon the Lord	1	2	3	4	5
2	Our worship prepares us to receive blessings from God	1	2	3	4	5
3	Our worship begins with a sense of reverence	1	2	3	4	5
4	Our worship is sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit	1	2	3	4	5
5	Our worship celebrates the presence of Christ through Baptism and the Lord's Supper	1	2	3	4	5
6	Our worship service is an offering of praise to God	1	2	3	4	5
7	In our worship service, we honor God as we listen to His Holy Word	1	2	3	4	5

Share other ways your worship service contributes to communion with God

MAKES DISCIPLES

1	Our church's ministry and mission are guided primarily by the Great Commission	1	2	3	4	5
2	Our church provides specific training in discipleship each year	1	2	3	4	5
3	Our church provides a weekly in-depth Bible Study for believers in Christ to grow in God's Word	1	2	3	4	5
4	Our church helps members identify their spiritual gifts for ministries of Service	1	2	3	4	5
5	Our church learns about Jesus' teaching on discipleship through sermons, Bible-studies, and Sunday School	1	2	3	4	5
6	Our church teaches that a disciple of Christ is a person of action and Commitment	1	2	3	4	5
7	Our church views disciple-making as a natural means of evangelism	1	2	3	4	5

Share other ways your church shares in disciple-making

PRAYS FERVENTLY

1	Our church has an active prayer chain or prayer circle ministry	1	2	3	4	5
2	A majority of the church members have a disciplined prayer life	1	2	3	4	5
3	Church members are taught different prayer styles and how to use them	1	2	3	4	5
4	Our congregation spends time in worship praying for specific needs of members and friends	1	2	3	4	5
5	Our congregation uses the ministry of prayer in seeking God's vision	1	2	3	4	5
6	Our church seeks to identify members who have the gift of prayer	1	2	3	4	5
7	Important church decisions are made only after a significant time in focused Prayer	1	2	3	4	5

Share other ways your church is involved in the ministry of prayer

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MODELS SERVANT LEADERSHIP					
1 Our church members faithfully witness to the unsaved	1	2	3	4	5
2 Our church values the ministry of each member	1	2	3	4	5
3 Our church provides outreach ministries in the community	1	2	3	4	5
4 Our church teaches humble obedience to God's word	1	2	3	4	5
5 Our church views leader development as a high priority	1	2	3	4	5
6 Our church shares in ministry with members of other churches	1	2	3	4	5
Share other ways your church models servant leadership					

FELLOWSHIPS IN LOVE					
1 Our church accepts members and visitors regardless of appearance, status etc.	1	2	3	4	5
2 Our church members put others ahead of themselves	1	2	3	4	5
3 Our church members pray for one another	1	2	3	4	5
4 Our worship service celebrates Christ's presence among us	1	2	3	4	5
5 Our church has small cliques that divide the spirit of fellowship	1	2	3	4	5
6 Our congregation faithfully supports the pastor in prayer	1	2	3	4	5
7 Our church is a place where members experience the joy and love of Christ	1	2	3	4	5
Share other ways your church seems like family					

SERVES OTHERS					
1 Our church encourages outreach ministries	1	2	3	4	5
2 Our church encourages members to participate in mission work teams	1	2	3	4	5
3 Our church members make sacrifices in providing for the needs of others	1	2	3	4	5
4 Our church actively works at inviting the unchurched to Sunday School, worship, etc.	1	2	3	4	5
5 Our church fights against injustice and inequality	1	2	3	4	5
6 Our church prays for the salvation of specific non-Christian people	1	2	3	4	5
7 Our church plans evangelism outreach ministries	1	2	3	4	5
Share other ways your church serves others					

SEEKS GOD'S VISION					
1 Our church teaches that God's vision is revealed through prayer, Bible study and reflection	1	2	3	4	5
2 Our church emphasizes that God is the source of a faithful vision	1	2	3	4	5
3 Our church is willing to risk in the pursuit of God's vision	1	2	3	4	5
4 Our church believes that God yearns to fulfill His dream among us	1	2	3	4	5
5 Our church is a living testimony to the blessings God pours out upon them who faithfully follow His vision	1	2	3	4	5
6 Our church believes it is the faithful pastor-leader who is responsible for casting the vision	1	2	3	4	5
7 Our church has a prepared vision statement (not to be confused with a mission statement).	1	2	3	4	5
Share other ways your church seeks God's vision					