

Breakout Groups for Vital Congregations.

Instructions:

- Choose the “mark” that most interests you at this moment. That number will be your group.
 - Each person in your group chooses one of the questions to talk about. People can choose the same question.
 - The breakout group will last for 20 minutes, so divide 20 minutes by the number of group members to estimate the time for each one. Ask someone to be a timekeeper if you like.
1. **Lifelong Spiritual Growth** (Lifelong Discipleship Formation)
 - a. What do you do on a regular basis to grow/deepen/challenge yourself spiritually?
 - b. Tell about someone you know who you see maturing all life long. What do they do and how does it inspire others?
 - c. How does your church encourage lifelong spiritual growth?
 2. **Intentional Loving** (Intentional, Authentic Evangelism)
 - a. How different are church people from their communities?
 - b. What difference does Jesus make?
 - c. How might the world know that your congregants are Christians?
 3. **Active, Outward Focus** (Outward, Incarnational Focus)
 - a. What kinds of ripples go out, even in small ways, from your church beyond its walls for the good of the world?
 - b. How is your community better because your church exists?
 - c. How does your church advocate for those in need?
 4. **Shared Gifts and Power** (Empowering Servant Leadership)
 - a. How does your church identify gifts in its members?
 - b. How does your pastor/congregants honor Sabbath time?
 - c. Who “calls the shots” in your church? (You don’t have to name names.)
 5. **Spirit-inspired Worship**
 - a. Tell about the most powerful worship experience you ever had. What contributed to making it so?
 - b. What do you need to help your worship experiences engage, equip, and even open your people to the transforming power of the Spirit?
 - c. What would the ideal worship experience be?
 6. **Genuinely Caring Relationships**
 - a. How safe is your church for you to truly be yourself?
 - b. How can we make our churches safe places to share our experiences and the challenges of our journeys?
 - c. How does your church handle differences?
 7. **Healthy Accountability** (Ecclesial Health)
 - a. Does your church have agreed upon core values they use to help guide their decisions?
 - b. Does your church budget reflect those values?
 - c. How do you encourage healthy giving habits?
 - d. How does your church manage conflict?