

## Pop the Hood | Supplemental Diagnostic Questions

### Biblical Evangelism

- a. What issues can we point to for where we currently are in evangelism (i.e. lack of knowledge, Example/Accountability, Personal Burden, etc.)
- b. Are our people regularly having gospel conversations?
- c. Are we holding our leaders accountable to having gospel conversations? How?
- d. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?

### Biblical Discipleship

- a. Does our church have clarity on what is biblical discipleship (i.e. participation in a program vs. transformation into Christlikeness)?
- b. How many of our people are on a pathway for them to grow in their discipleship?
- c. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?

### Biblical Membership

- a. What is the standard (qualification) for someone to be a member of the church?
- b. What duties are expected of those members?
- c. How does our membership align with our church's purpose and vision?
- d. If we become lazy in our membership standards and expectations what are the potential outcomes? How do we balance grace and law in church membership?

### Biblical Leadership

- a. Who could have the respectful conversation with our pastor to determine where he is in his "leadership tank"?
- b. How can we aid in our church growing as a leader?
- c. How are we caring holistically for our pastor?

### Biblical Preaching & Teaching

- a. How are we evaluating (discerning) the quality of the teaching that is occurring (in both sermons and in small groups)?
- b. Are there any patterns that are emerging or recent behaviors that need to be addressed (ex. less use of scripture and drift toward psychology and self-help)? [Think Aquilla and Priscilla coming alongside Apollos]

### Biblical Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper

- a. How are our current ordinance observances being handled in relationship to biblical guidance?
  - i. Tone: reverence vs. casualness?
  - ii. Participation: who is participating? Understandable language?
  - iii. Pathway: how do new people know what to do?

### Biblical Worship

- a. How are we doing in growing worshippers? (Do we know what qualities of a worshipper are?)
- b. Where is there confusion between theology and methodology in our worship? Have we created any man-made worship "lines" that need to be clarified or removed?
- c. How are we determining worship connectivity – vertically and/or horizontally?
- d. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions? (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?
- d. How do we see our current expression of worship connected to other parts of our church? What about connected to our vision.

### **Biblical Fellowship**

- a. Do we have a friendly church or a church willing to form new friendships?
- b. Does our church reflect the unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17 and the community presented in Hebrews 10?
- c. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions? (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?
  - i. Length of time that people hang out after services?
  - ii. Frequency people get together outside of programmed times?
  - iii. Normality of sacrificial relationships?
  - iv. How “sticky” are we?

### **Biblical Prayer**

- a. Are we known by those outside the church as a “house of prayer”?
- b. Do we first look to prayer or to bylaws and policies to address problems?
- c. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions? (emotional or...)

### **Biblical Accountability and Discipline**

- a. Are we spurring one another on toward love and good deeds?
- b. Are we a church that believes and practices church discipline (Matthew 18, 1 Timothy 5)?
- c. Do we have processes in place to aid our accountability and discipline?
- d. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions? (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?

### **Biblical Giving**

- a. What trends are we seeing in our giving? (giving per capita, generational giving)
- b. What tools do we have available to help our people develop as givers?
- c. What is the tone of our giving (i.e. frugal, generous, sacrificial)?
- d. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions? (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?

### **Biblical Mission**

- a. Are we active and eager in participating in mission opportunities around us (and beyond us)?
- b. Do we have a balanced approach between praying, giving and going on mission?
- c. Is missions a primary driver of our church or a secondary bi-product?
- d. What evidence do we have that reinforces our assumptions (i.e. emotional, testimony, data)?