

Fruitful Congregations - Worksheet

COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Are we transforming the world? (neighborhood, city)

» How do we know?

- Mercy
- Justice



When people come to our church, do they meet the risen Christ?

» Do broken people "get better"?

» How do we know?

- Worship
- Small groups of all types
- Bible Studies
- Education groups
- Identify & equip new leaders



Getting Traction

- » *Does Your Church Have a Prayer?* Brown, Merry & Briggs
- » *Charting the Course*, Gilbert, Johansen, Regennitter
- » *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, Robert Schnase

» *Deepening Your Effectiveness*, Glover & Lavy

What do we expect of disciples of Jesus Christ?

» Do they do it?

» How do we know?

- Tithe
- Give self away
- Live ethically
- Share faith



How do we help people grow closer to God?

» Is it working?

» How do we know?

- Plan for discipleship

» Are you closer to God than you were a year ago? Or further away? Or about the same?

» Why did you say what you said? What criteria are you using to measure your relationship with God?

» Did the church have anything to do with these answers?

» *A Blueprint for Discipleship*, Kevin Watson

» *Three Simple Rules*, Rueben Job



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FOCUSED INWARD