

Discuss and decide solutions

1. Values

How is Scripture driving your church's respect building activities? 'We are showing compassion in our communities because Scripture says...'



2. Strategies

For each of your 'Focus Groups':

– How will you demonstrate to people that Christians aren't weird but are fun people to be around?

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– How will your church resist the pull to insularity and get involved in your community?

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– How will you demonstrate your investment in the social capital of your community?

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3. Goals

What goals will you set for the coming year?

What goals will you set for the next five years?

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Respect building.

'Because loving churches attract attention.'



Study Scripture Psalm 146; Zechariah 10
What does God's compassion for people look like?



Study Scripture Isaiah 1; Zechariah 7
What should our compassion for people look like?
How do the Israelites lack compassion for people?
Why is it that they don't have God's heart of compassion?

Apply: What is our only source of true compassion for people?

Study Scripture 1 Thessalonians 2
Why did Paul share not only the gospel but also his life?
How did he share his life?

Apply: Ask yourself: 'Am I sharing the gospel and my life fully with the people I know?
Where are the gaps?'
Is your church sharing the gospel and your lives fully in the communities you serve?
Where are the gaps?

Analyse your setting
Analyse the barriers to building respect within each 'Focus Group':

Weird Christians barrier
– What presuppositions and misconceptions about Christians need to be broken down?

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Insular Christians barrier
– What presuppositions and misconceptions about the role of a church in a community need to be broken down?

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Hypocritical Christians barrier
– To what extent are Christians seen as making a positive and effective contribution in the community?

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– What issues identified in the analysis of economic environment (in Study Guide 2) could the church address with practical actions?

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