

## Leadership Community

# A “Healthy, Multiplying” Vs A “Status Quo” Church

### IN A HEALTHY, MULTIPLYING CHURCH

1. Transformation of lives is the passion of the church.
2. Training and placing members in meaningful ministry is the emphasis.
3. Making Christ-like disciples is always the objective.
4. The people talk about the church’s mission and ministry to outsiders.
5. Most of the church’s time is spent in ministry.
6. The focus of church member is on what what you can do in ministry.
7. The people meet and pray for lost and broken people outside of faith by name.
8. Major attention is given to the needs of the unchurched community.

### IN A STATUS QUO CHURCH

- Maintaining the organization is all important.
- Holding a position or office in the church what’s most important.
- Making decisions is the goal.
- The people talk about church work.
- More of the church’s time is spent in meetings.
- The focus of many members is on what you can’t do.
- The people meet together and talk about prayer.
- Major attention is given to the internal needs of church people.

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| 9.  | A heavy emphasis is placed on raising people for the glory of God.           | A heavy emphasis is placed on money rather than reaching people.                   |
| 10. | People speak of faith as a dynamic experience that shapes our future.        | People speak of faith as a heritage that we must protect.                          |
| 11. | The church is viewed as a movement of God impacting our world.               | The church is viewed as an institution we belong to; movement is seldom mentioned. |
| 12. | The church designs ministries to reach outsiders and unchurched people.      | The church designs ministries that focus on themselves.                            |
| 13. | Outsiders are enthusiastically invited to the church regularly.              | Outsiders are viewed differently, and treated cautiously.                          |
| 14. | People come to worship with an expectancy to experience the presence of God. | People come to worship to discharge a spiritual duty.                              |

You can be a part of a healthy, multiplying church, where there is vitality, a focus on outsiders and an overwhelming sense that God is directing the ministry.

#### **Four Good Questions to Start Discussion:**

- 1. What is our spiritual vision for our community?**
- 2. What needs to happen spiritually within our community?**
- 3. Can our church bring spiritual change to our kind of community?**
- 4. If not, how do we need to adjust ourselves to become the kind of church that can impact our community for Christ?**