**Five E’s for Every Church**

**Exalt** God through worship

**Edify** people to wholeness

**Equip** people for the work of ministry

**Evangelize** through our witness

**Extend** His Kingdom to our world

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**The main question is does your church focus primarily on your church members or on your local mission field?** Most churches focus 10 to 1 on the members. A healthy church does both!

**ASK**

**GOD**

First Base



**AUDIT CHURCH**

Second Base

**1. Ethnic diversity** – What different

ethnic groups live here? Who is the majority group(s)? Who are the minorities? How many languages are spoken?

**2. Economic issues** – What are the median income and income range in your area?

**3. Employment –** What different kinds of employment are in the area? Who are the major employers? What is the mix of “white collar”, “blue collar” and “no collar” (information and technology) jobs in your area?

**4. Education –** What are the different schools in the area? What is the average level of education?

**5. Entertainment –** What kind of entertainment businesses are there? How many of them are harmful to healthy families and communities?

**6. Environment –** How will ministry in this area be affected by local geography, politics and social attitudes?

**7. Family make-up –** How many are married? Single?

**8. Churches –** What kinds of churches or spiritual centers of other religions are in the area? What does that tell you?

**9. Holy Spirit -** What does He want you to focus on?

**10. Challenge –** Shouldn’t you do this program at least once a year?

**Importance of Prayer & Fasting**

* “Intercessors” (3-5) you can call on to pray at anytime
* “Twelve intercessors” you communicate with at least monthly
* “Extended Community”

120 wider influence prayer team you communicate with as needed, i.e. family, friends, church people

**ASSESS**

**COMMUNITY**

Third Base

**Suggested Action Plan**

**1.** With the help of God, I will lead my church to bring good to the community by the following actions:

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(Include How? Where? When?)

**2.** With the help of God, I will lead my church to pray specifically for and connect to the broken and lost people in our community. We will do this through the following plan:

\*How

\*Timeline

\*We will set a “God Goal” to reach \_\_\_\_people.

**3.** With the help of God, we will baptize \_\_\_\_new believers this year.

**ACTION**

**GROW**

Home Plate

**\*Start at first base and ask God to**

**help your church hit a home run!**

***CHURCH AUDIT***

**Ministries that Go Deep with Others (Authentic Community)**

* Do you allow time for fellowship and conversation when meeting in small groups?
* Is there an opportunity for attendees to speak the truth in love to one another and hold each other accountable?
* Does the pastoral staff teach and preach about unity and encouraging those attending to “Love One Another”?

**Ministries that Go Deep with God (Spiritual Formation)**

* Do you have trained and prepared small group and/or Sunday School teachers?
* Does your Bible preaching and teaching make application of God’s Word?
* Is the goal of your church to teach for transformation not just information?

**Ministries Our Community Needs (Missional Possibilities)**

* Do you have “servant hood” days at your church where the attendees/volunteers work serving the community? Have the workers taken a spiritual gifts test?
* Can you host and organization i.e. Weight Watchers at your church so community people get familiar to where your church is located?
* Do you provide a food pantry, clothing, or after school program to meet the needs of your community?

**Ministries that Go Deep into the Harvest**

**(Missional Engagement)**

* Have the Christians in your church adopted a person or family that is not yet saved to pray and show love to them?
* Does your church have an annual missionary weekend conference?
* Does your church strategically have a game plan to reach city blocks or rural neighborhoods for Christ?

**Websites and tools to assist in the audit: Natural Church Development:** [**www.churchsmart.com**](http://www.churchsmart.com)

[**www.wesleyan.org/ecg/resources\_church\_health**](http://www.wesleyan.org/ecg/resources_church_health)

**Website to assess your community:** [**www.2010.census.gov**](http://www.2010.census.gov) **Website for Spiritual Gifts Test:** [**www.indianasouth.org**](http://www.indianasouth.org)

**G-R-O-W**

**G** is our Goal**.** That’s our focus and determines the result you want to get from our conversation.

**R** is our Reality. We have to paint a picture of what is really going on that is influencing our situation.

**O** is for Options**.** We ask the Holy Spirit to help us generate possibilities to accomplish our goal.

**W** is for Will**…**as in what “will” you do. This is where we clarify action steps so that you can move forward with your

game plan.

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