

**Mission
Discussion Questions
August 31, 2017**



1. **Someone hears a message in your church service about living on mission within the community. The person seeks out information on how to put the message into practice. The person wants to serve this week in a way that will meet needs within the community, what does your church offer?**

Gleaners, pregnancy center, 2 convalescent homes, elementary school, Saturday morning men's breakfast, Tuesday ladies group at LGeorge's, talking to whoever, Saginaw meal ministry

2. **Evaluate the teaching your church gives your people about those who are not yet Christian.**

Do not expect unbelievers to act like believers, we are not "better than" unbelievers

As a church: we do not currently have a systematic teaching approach in place, should strive to be intentional about our connecting with unbelievers, introducing them to others, and be inclusive in our approach,

Unbelievers need: love, prayer, Jesus, friendship, relationships with believers, good examples, invitations

3. **Are non-believers viewed as people believers should avoid or people that believers should embrace? Embrace and do so publicly**

4. **Where does your church fall on the continuum: isolationist, conformist, transformational?**

Isolationist

conformist

transformational



The arrow is where the group conversation landed

Discussed the importance of dressing to match the culture

5. **Spend some time evaluating the prayers of your church.**

Organized prayer is not having much success, the weekly prayer meeting is very poorly attended. Discussed this for quite some time.

Prayer occurs in life groups, the prayer chain works well, perhaps should fast and pray more

Some pressing subjects to pray about: new pastor, unity, and the natural disasters occurring around the country

6. Is more energy devoted to praying for the salvation of people who are far from God or for the sick among you?

More sickness than salvation, but sickness provides a starting point in praying for unbelievers. Discussed the importance of sharing testimonies about answered prayer.

7. Is world missions a general concept or one in which your church specifically participates?

Church participates by actively supporting missionaries with finances, sharing on regular visits, the church goes on trips, giving blood, and holding periodic missions conferences.

8. If, few people are being saved through the ministry of your church then this calls for a time of seeking God in regards to the activities of your church.

Yes, we agree....lots! was the word used. We have had one conversion as far as we know. Probably an outcome of our being in transition at this point in time.

9. Does your church have a good reputation with the community?

We are a "go to" group known for and regularly recommended by those around us for praying about community needs, the gleaners ministry, helping with the school in various ways, our contact with food service workers in the various eateries we regularly visit, and a long standing history in the area.

10. What is your church's strategy to help your people learn to share their faith with unbelievers?

Learning to tell your story, sharing personal testimonies, taking individual responsibility is important at our jobs, in our neighborhoods, etc. but nothing real organized at this point.

11. Identify some real needs in your local community, to listen to the pain and hurt

surrounding you. And rally the people in your church to meet some of these needs.

School supplies for the school, gleaners food ministry, participating in local events more like parades, prayer walking.

12. What is your approach to leadership development?

Nothing organized at this point in time. Encouragement to use our strengths to bolster our areas of weakness.