

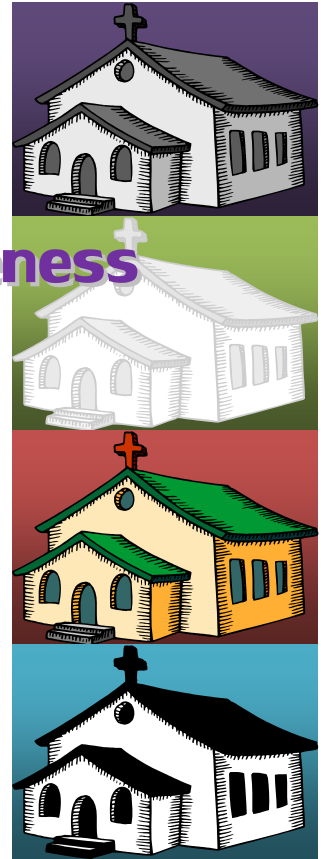
## Participant's Guide

# Identifying Our Church's Uniqueness

The purpose of this module is to raise the value of the local church in the minds of its key leaders.

The objectives for this module are:

- Articulate the strengths of the local church.
- Identify ways by which God might use His church in the community.
- Raise the self-esteem of members and leadership in the local church.



I. Vibrant church renewal attempts to rediscover how God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ in your local church.

A. Church Growth is not just about numbers, but the exploration of how to free God to \_\_\_\_\_ through us.

B. God says, "I will \_\_\_\_\_ my church."

C. God has given His church unique characteristics that \_\_\_\_\_ to a lost world.

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual gifts to the church through persons.

2. God provides \_\_\_\_\_ sufficient to impact a community.

II. Each church is \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Large churches can become full-service churches, i.e. they can provide lots of ministries \_\_\_\_\_ at a variety of human needs.

B. Small churches must find their \_\_\_\_\_ in the church market.

Small churches usually do \_\_\_\_\_ things well.

Almost all small churches major on \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Small Group Exercise

In your church teams, discuss the following six questions:

1. What do we as a church believe our strengths to be? In other words, what do we do well?
2. How would we describe positively our congregation to a person who had never attended our church?
3. What percentage of people in our community knows we exist?
4. What do people in the community think of our church? What is our reputation?
5. How does God feel about our church?
6. Why has God placed us as a church in this community?

## Action Planning/Reporting

Describe your church's plan for interviewing people in the community to learn more about your church's uniqueness.

Who will you Interview?

What questions will you ask?

How will you use the information once you gather it?

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