The purpose of this module is to empower congregational leaders to provide vision, motivation, and inspiration for the established congregation.

The outcomes of this module are:
- Discover ways to bring local congregational leaders together.
- Focus on mission and spiritual vitality.
- Engage in holistic and integrated ministry.
- Breathe new life into tired structures and weary workers.

**Lecture**

*Fill in the blanks below as you follow along with the lecture.*

1. Assess the ____________ vitality of the congregation.
   a. The spiritual life of a local church is of utmost importance.
   b. If assessment reveals that a congregation is wandering off mission, ____________ is absolutely essential.
   c. Spirituality cannot be ____________ by feelings only.
   d. Our relationship with God cannot be assessed by levels of ____________ either.
   e. A couple of warnings are warranted:
      i. The devil is ____________, but must not be blamed.
      ii. We dare not become problem-focused. We ____________ to be solution-focused.
   f. How does God wish to ____________ us?

2. Appraise morale and ask “How do we ____________ the joy level?” (Read Acts 2:42-47)

3. Determine available leadership skills by ____________ a leadership study to see who is presently serving.

4. Evaluate your ____________ in the community.
   a. How well ____________ is the church?
b. Ask random people, such as clerks, waiters, managers, teachers, “Have you __________ of our church? What do you know about it?”

c. Ask yourself, “What are we __________ for?”

d. List the ways in which the church __________ the community.

5. Ask: “What most __________ to be done?”
   a. Prioritize __________.
   b. Bring people __________ around a mission/ministry.

**SELF ASSESSMENT**

Answer the following questions. You can focus on one or two questions, or answer all four.

1. On a scale of one to ten, where ten means “the greatest possible spiritual vitality” and one means “no spiritual vitality,” rate your local congregation. #________ Then, explain your rating. What criteria are you using to make your assessment? (Make sure to consider intangible factors that show actual spiritual development—not just feelings or tangible activities.)

2. What elements of your church’s mission and programs make the greatest spiritual impact in your community? What makes these elements spiritually productive?

3. In your leadership role, what is your current contribution to the spiritual life of the church?

4. What ministries or experiences in the church have had the greatest impact on your own spiritual development? Why did these particular experiences have such impact?
ACTION PLANNING

Work together with your small group to complete the following plan. You may start this activity today and finish it at a later meeting. The objectives have been listed for you based on today’s lecture. Add two or three action steps for each objective, and assign a timeline, work group and leader for each activity. The assigned leader will commit to working with the “who” group to make sure the action step is completed.

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WRAP-UP

Two things I will do differently this week because of what I learned today:

1. 
2. 

Two ways I will continue to inspire and support my fellow congregational leaders:

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2. 