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Become a Church With **IMPACT!**

5 Functions of a Healthy Church



FIVE FUNCTIONS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

Evaluating a congregation in terms of these functions helps leaders in their strategic planning.

- Evangelism
- Discipleship
- Service
- Fellowship
- Worship



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EVANGELISM

The church announces, in words and deeds that people can understand, that through Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God has come. It calls people to believe this good news, to turn their lives over to Jesus, and to become His disciples. Our lives give evidence of the new creation in Christ—a “living proclamation” of what God has done.

Questions for reflection:

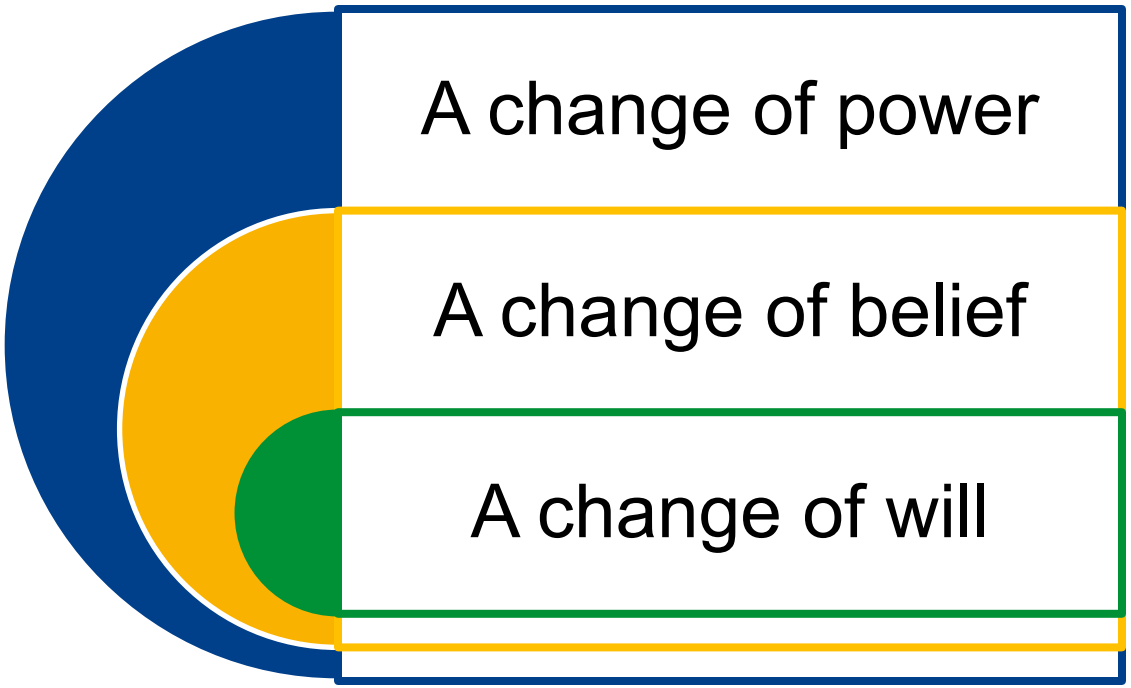
1. To how many people have I presented the gospel in the last two months?
2. How many believers has our church trained to share their faith?

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EVANGELISM

Three Kinds of Changes Needed for People to Come to Know Christ:

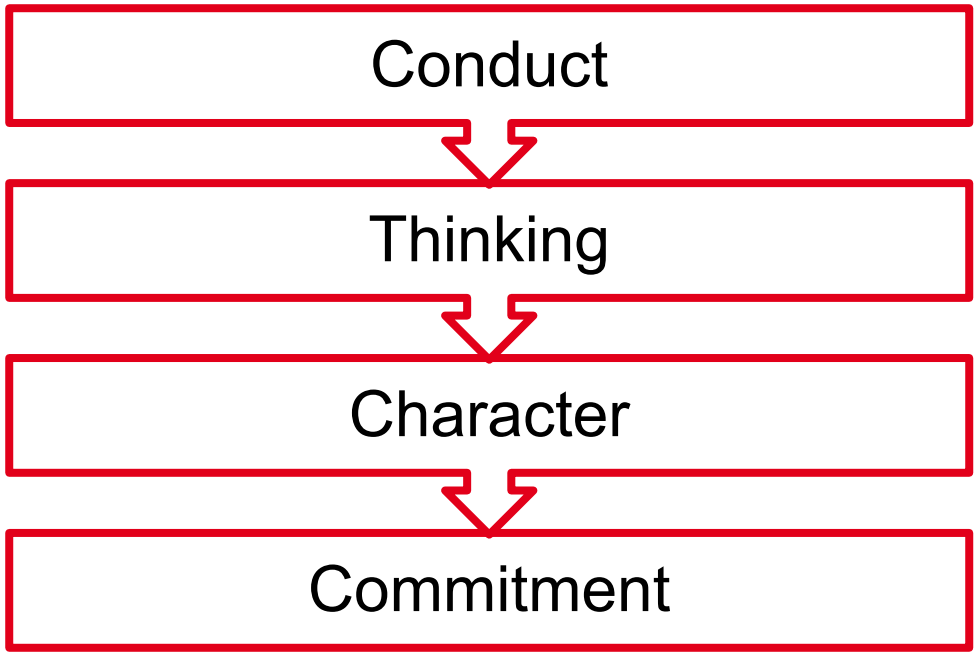


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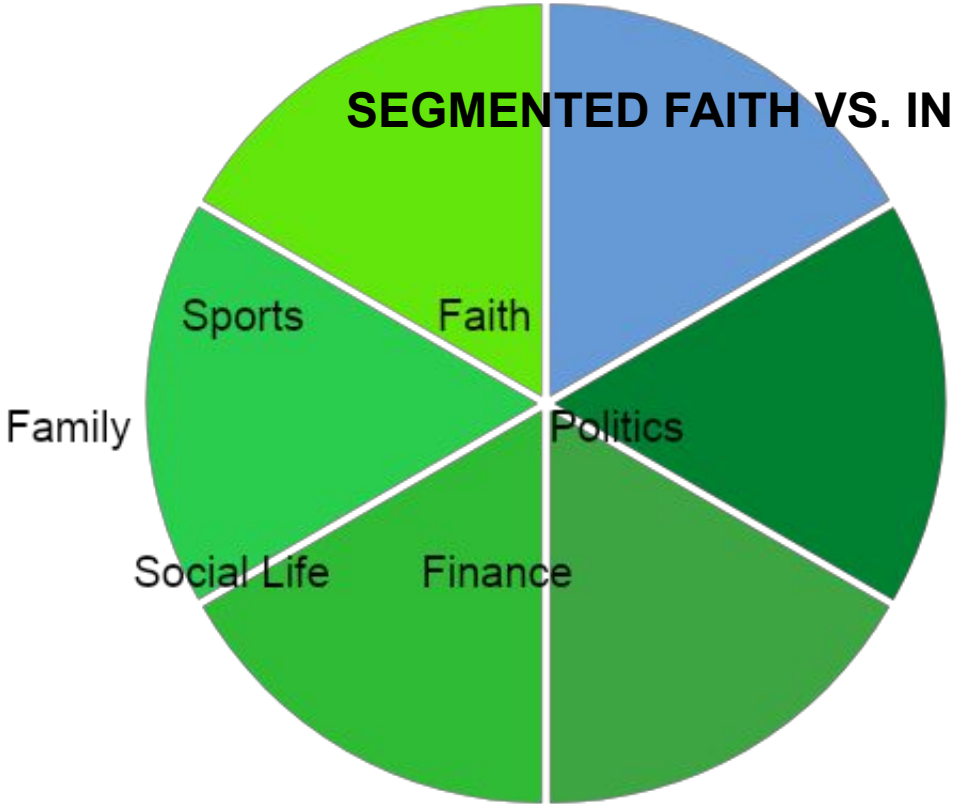
As we know Christ and His will better and depend on His Spirit, we become more and more like Him in our:

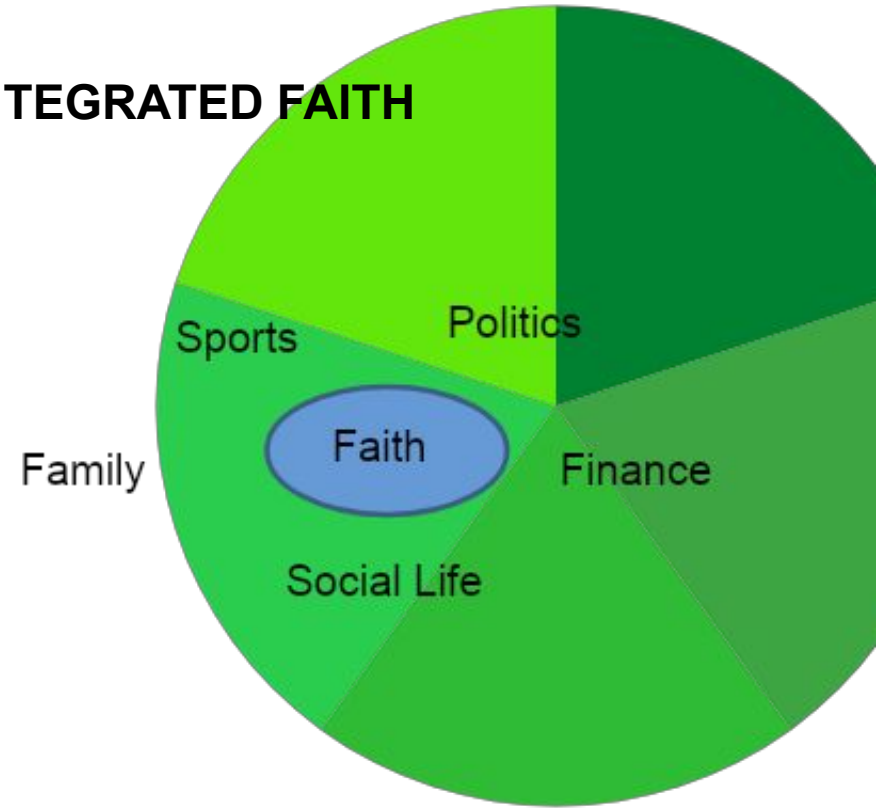


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SEGMENTED FAITH VS. INTEGRATED FAITH





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SERVICE

The church holistically helps meet the needs of people and the community in the name of Christ and invites them to be His disciples.

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SERVICE AND EVANGELISM:

Service is a result of evangelism:

- God's love makes us want to serve others.

Service is a bridge to evangelism:

- We do concrete acts of service first, and those acts of service open doors to share our faith.

Service accompanies evangelism:

- As we serve others, we speak of God's love for them in Christ.

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FELLOWSHIP

In a healthy church, the members enjoy each other and bear one another's burdens, showing the love and compassion of God.

- The theological basis for fellowship comes from the Trinity itself—the FIRST community (John 17).
- Already in the Old Testament, we see the value ascribed to the unity among believers (Psalm 133).



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FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship factors that can help a church to grow:

- Warm welcome to visitors
- Follow-up of visitors
- Room for new people in the worship area
- Solid biblical preaching
- Clear communication



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WORSHIP

- **WORSHIP IS THE RIGHTFUL OCCUPATION OF ALL GOD'S CREATION.**
- **IT IS THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF HUMAN BEINGS BY THE MANDATE OF OUR CREATOR, (GOD) TO LEAD, STEWARD, SUSTAIN, AND INCREASE THIS WORSHIP.**
- **IT IS THE SPECIAL DUTY OF THE CHURCH TO BE THE COMMUNITY OF TRUE WORSHIP AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD (A MODEL).**

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WORSHIP

- **Q: What is the Chief end of Man?**
- **A: TO WORSHIP GOD AND TO ENJOY HIM FOREVER!** (Shorter Westminster Catechism)
- What is the chief goal of the Church?
- Let 1 Peter 2:9-10 answer: . . .TO SHOW FORTH (DEMONSTRATE) THE PRAISES (VIRTUES, ATTRIBUTES) OF HIM WHO HAS CALLED US OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT!

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WORSHIP – as a goal

- Dr. John Piper has written: “Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church. Worship is! Missions exists because worship doesn’t” (as quoted in TYCP Book, page 184).
- Transition: The worship service is a special time when God’s people gather to meet with God together.

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WORSHIP - service

- God calls us to worship, to worship Him
- God calls us to confess our sins
- God speaks to us through His Word
- God shows us His love in the Sacraments
- God blesses us and send us into the world
- PRAISE, PRAYER, CONFESSION, LISTENING, RESPONSE

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WORSHIP – Let's Worship!

- 1 Chronicles 29:10-20
- Revelation 4:11
- 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Revelation 7:9-12
- The Church, led by the Spirit, achieves the goal of leading all creation back to the WORSHIP OF THE CREATOR!

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