

CHURCH PRACTICE ASSESSMENT

The following statements have been identified as characteristics of churches with effective ministries. To assess your church, score each item as you perceive it existing in the ministries of your church. **Each score should reflect how well your church is demonstrating the characteristic, not just its existence in church practice. After completing the scoring, transfer those scores to the Scoring Evaluation Worksheet. Some items are subjective, but your opinion will help guide a dialogue with other leaders in your church.**

0-Non-existent, 1-Poor, 2-Somewhat, 3-Good, 4-Pretty strong, 5-Wow, absolutely

CHURCH PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS	SCORE	CHURCH PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS	SCORE
1. Church members effectively minister to one another.		17. The pastor provides the focus and direction needed for worship planning.	
2. Each worship service includes corporate Scripture reading and prayer as key elements.		18. Ministry leaders receive adequate training to carry out their ministry responsibilities.	
3. Most new believers complete a new believer class and are guided to participate in ongoing discipling experiences.		19. A consistently implemented and communicated plan to disciple all believers to live a Christ-like lifestyle guides the discipleship ministry.	
4. Believers learn to share their faith through an intentional ongoing training plan.		20. The worship services demonstrate an understanding of the congregation's culture.	
5. A church ministry assigns unbelievers and guests in worship to a small group Bible study for follow up.		21. Active church members regularly participate in discipleship opportunities.	
6. Our church maintains a balance between ministries focused outside the church (mission actions) and ministries focused inward on the body.		22. The worship services help attenders experience the presence of God and respond in praise.	
7. Church leaders communicate a high level of expectation regarding member participation in discipleship opportunities.		23. Church members demonstrate a Christ-like lifestyle.	
8. The classes and departments in the small group Bible study ministry intentionally enroll unbelievers.		24. Church members initiate new ministries(mission actions) in coordination with the overall ministry vision of the church.	
9. The worship services provide times for confession of sin other than the invitation time.		25. The Bible study ministry uses an ongoing plan to increase the number of teaching units.	
10. Ministry leaders use the ongoing Bible study ministry as the primary beginning point for assimilating new believers and members.		26. The Bible study ministry utilizes small groups to minister effectively to the needs of the members.	
11. The worship experiences show evidence of producing change in individuals who regularly attend.		27. As a result of an intentional evangelistic focus, the ministries of the church guide unbelievers to small group Bible study and corporate worship.	
12. The Bible study taking place in the small group Bible study ministry results in members becoming more like Jesus.		28. The teachers in the small group Bible study ministry teach evangelistically as appropriate to the age group, and lead members to accept evangelism as a primary purpose of the Bible study ministry.	
13. In each discipleship class, leaders encourage members to move beyond classroom learning to ministry service.		29. Church leaders use a systematic approach to engage members in ministry based on spiritual gifts, personal skills, and natural abilities.	
14. Members involved in ministries are encouraged to participate in Bible study, corporate worship, and discipleship.		30. Church leaders enlist and train new leaders for ongoing teaching units on a systematic basis.	
15. The presentation of the gospel is a regular element of worship services.		31. Small group Bible study leaders encourage members to participate in discipleship classes, corporate worship, and ministry.	
16. A well-developed prayer ministry supports the ministries of the church.		32. The discipleship ministry offers a variety of interest tracks on a regular basis.	