

1. The Foundation for Health

PREFACE, PART 1, and Chapters 1 and 2

After reading pages 11-53, discuss together these questions from the end of Chapter 2:

1. What has been your average worship attendance for last ten years? What are the trends you have observed in attendance?

2. What are your congregation's total number of baptized and communicant members? Any trends that you have observed in membership changes for the last ten years?

3. What is the total number of individual adults that regularly attend Bible study during the week? (This may be different than the total attendance of Bible studies throughout the week, since some individuals may attend more than one Bible study, and others may not attend every week but are regularly involved.) Have there been any trends in the attendance over the last few years?
 - a. What percentage of the average worship attendance attends Bible study?

 - b. How does your percentage compare to the healthy churches surveyed in Chapter 2 of *Built on the Rock: The Healthy Congregation*?

4. How many lay leaders do you have? How many lay leaders are involved in Bible study?
 - a. What percentage of your leaders are in Bible study?

 - b. How does your percentage compare to the healthy congregations surveyed in Chapter 2?

5. List your Bible study opportunities including descriptions of what is done during your Bible studies. Identify whether you could offer more studies or variety in studies.

6. Every church encounters conflicts, whether between key leaders or among the membership. Describe a situation involving a serious conflict. How did your church leaders and members respond to the situation?

7. Reflecting on Chapters 1 and 2 of *Built on the Rock*, list some of the obvious indicators of spiritual *wellness* in your church.

8. List the less obvious indicators of spiritual *weakness* in your church.

9. What are you learning about the health of your congregation?

10. If you could change anything in your church, what would it be?