

Christian Leadership Reflections

Discussion Guide

PASTORS! WHERE IS YOUR CONGREGATION?

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- 1) There are some objective indicators of theological and spiritual vitality. What do they show?
 - a) You can easily think of several people who you are confident could lead a Bible study.
 - b) People in your church are generally capable of theological reflection on issues of the day to form their opinions. They don't just rely on being told what to think.
 - c) People indicate they have discerned God's leadership by means other than circumstance.
 - d) You could just offer some training and see what the demand is.
- 2) Discuss with your staff and/or board how theologically and spiritually vital your congregation is.
 - a) If you feel it is good, then consider various segments of the congregation. Are some less theologically and spiritually vital than others?
- 3) Review your discipleship program to ensure that it covers both biblical-theological training as well as training in the spiritual practices of discernment.
- 4) What would your church look like, what would be happening, when there is a high degree of theological and spiritual vitality in your congregation? Write this up as a newspaper story about your church.