



# CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

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### **Pastors! Where is your congregation?**

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### **Discussion Questions**

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.