

Cycle Starter Plans

Having understood your church a little better with the help of the NCD Church Survey, its now time to start cycling together towards a healthier church. You've chosen to start experimenting and learning more about the topic to the left. Now, select one of the cycle starter plans below and write number 1 in its box. Put this sheet on your wall, then, go do it!

Next time you are meeting with others who are also working through a topic, ask each other the questions from the cycle, starting at "do" and finishing at "plan". After a cycle you may decide the most important thing to do now is to keep going with the same plan, modify it, or choose another option from below. If choosing another from below, just write 2 in its box and so on.

If you'd like more cycle starter options, or to work on another topic highlighted by your NCD Church Survey results, just visit ncdchurchsurvey.org/cycle-starters

Ask a key leader in your church how much meeting time the leadership spends on planning for the future growth of the church and what resources they draw upon to do so.

Consider how friendly your church is towards gifted evangelists and how they would be made to feel. If you have any in your church, ask them how fully they feel their gift is embraced by your church.

Discuss with your small group what it would take to ensure the group is always open to newcomers and the pathways by which those people are likely to end up in your group.

Host a small group in your own home and work hard to make it as welcoming as possible. Look around for who might lead it and who might like to be a part of it.

Invite a new person along to your small group.

Invite some people from your church that you don't know very well into your home or out somewhere for a meal.



Physically step through the process of arriving near your church and making your way to a seat in the worship service from the perspective of someone who has never attended before. How could you make your service easier to find or more welcoming?



Speak with at least one person you do not normally speak to at the worship service this week.

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