

Comeback Churches:

How 300 Churches Turned Around and Yours Can Too

Reflection Questions for Chapters 6 & 7

July 11 & 14

Questions for Chapter 6: Connecting People to Spiritual Maturity

1. What does spiritual maturity look like to you? Put in another way: what are the practices of a spiritually mature person?
2. How do you see people connecting to spiritual maturity at St. Paul's?
3. Comeback churches found that two conversions are necessary: the first to community and then to Christ (p. 120-121) After studying the chart on p. 121, what are some ways we can facilitate these two conversions?
4. Why do you suppose that the churches with higher membership requirements and expectations grow faster and are more evangelistically effective than those without high expectations? (p. 126)
5. What experiences have you had in the Christian community that have been most helpful in growing spiritually? How have you been disciplined?

Questions for Chapter 7: Motivating and Mobilizing People Out of the Pews

6. Comeback leaders were asked, “If mobilizing the laity had a major or vital effect, please describe how the mobilization took place.” A sampling of those responses are listed on p. 134 and 135. Which of those responses do you think are needed at SPLC? Or what would you add to that list to motivate and mobilize people out of the pews at SPLC?

7. Have you been equipped to discover your spiritual gift and your ministry? If you know your spiritual gift, would you mind sharing what it is and how you are using it in ministry?

8. Take a look at the chart on the bottom of p. 138. Which of the descriptions in the right-hand column is most urgently needed at SPLC?

9. If you could do anything and know ahead of time that you wouldn't fail, what would you do?