

Comeback Churches:

How 300 Churches Turned Around and Yours Can Too

Reflection Questions for Chapters 8 & 9

July 18 & 21

Questions for Chapter 8: Connecting People through Small Groups

1. What do you gather from your reading and from your experience is the purpose of small groups?
2. Can you tell of a small group experience that was meaningful? How about one that didn't go so well?
3. On p. 150 it says, "George Gallup found that 70 % of Americans have said that the church is not meeting their needs." Of the most common responses of what those needs were, which do you think would be most beneficial to address through a small group?
4. What do you suppose is the biggest reason small groups may "not have worked" at SPLC in the past?

Questions for Chapter 9: Other Comeback Factors

5. What are the "Yeah buts" that have come to mind thus far in your reading of *Comeback Churches*? (p. 161)
6. What, in your opinion, are the selling points of our facilities/campus? If you could make one change to our existing facilities/campus, what would that be?
7. If it's true that every church markets itself whether we have a budget for marketing or not, (p. 166) what message or messages are being advertised at St. Paul's through our nonverbals? (Eg. Having a playground on campus advertises that we value children.)