

**TOWARD A HEALTHY CHURCH  
“IS YOUR  
CHURCH HEALTHY OR UNHEALTHY?”**

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# OUTLINE

- **Is your church healthy?**
- **Church Assessment**
- **Warning Signs of unhealthy church**
- **Where do we go from here?**
- **How do we become a healthy church?**
- **Discussions: What is the role of the laity?**
- **Questions**

# IS YOUR CHURCH HEALTHY?

- *One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4*
- **Disconnect in what people want vs. what they receive from their leadership and what the bible calls us to which lead to dysfunctions and breakdowns, then lead them to leave, and then cause the church to fail**

- The church fail when we fail to know and grow in Christ, when we fail to follow Him and Him alone!**
- It is His Church; we are the stewards of it. We must act like. All we do is for His glory, not ours, or even for the people in our neighborhoods!**

# ASSESSMENT

- Please take about 10-15 minutes to complete this Healthy Church Assessment.**

# **WARNING SIGNS OF A UNHEALTHY CHURCH**

- Leadership has no clear vision**
- Outreach is never planned or preached**
- The church has few outwardly focused ministries.**
- The dropout rates are increasing. Members are leaving for other churches in the community, or they are leaving the local church completely.**

- Leadership can never be challenged**
- You are comfortable but never challenged**
- Members are content with being pew warmers**
- The church is experiencing conflict over issues of budgets and building. When the focus of the church members becomes how the facilities and money can meet their preferences, the church health is clearly on the wane.**

- **Outreach is never planned or preached**
- **When a leader calls for volunteers he or she gets few response**
- **When conflict arises, leaders ignore it, push the panic button or jump ship**
- **No one hears about salvation , no one gets saved, the baptistery is empty**



- **Neither the members nor the leaders are willing to pay the price to make the church healthy.**

***Churches fail when we fail Him-Christ the Lord!***

***For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of this tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.***

***Psalm 27:5***

# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- **Few churches recover from patterns of normative. The church is a church in name only. It tends to be more self-gratifying rather than missional. It is more concerned about great comfort than the Great Commission and Great Commandment. We must change this perception!**
- **Few churches have moved from failing to healthy. The path is not easy, it requires that members be honest with themselves and God. It does us no good to speak glowingly of a church that is unhealthy or getting worse.**

**- Get to know Christ and follow Him. He knows our situation, our struggles and our opportunities**

# **HOW DO WE BECOME A HEALTHY CHURCH?**

- Heed the warning signs. It could be the difference between the life and death of a church.**
- Look at other churches that have moved from failing to healthy. We could learn how they turned from an inward focus to an outward focus.**

- **Become disciples of Christ**
- **Be truthful**
- **Be trustful**
- **Be positive**
- **Be particular**
- **Have HOPE**

- Let us not play a Christian; let us be a Christian**
- Let our actions respond to the transformation of Christ's grace by living honest lives.**
- We must allow Christ's amazing grace to root out all the evils within us.**

# DISCUSSION

- What is the role of laity in becoming a healthy church?**

# SUMMARY

- The health of the church should be the concern of all Christians, because it does involve the spiritual life of everyone.**
- Healthy churches are made up of healthy Christians.**
- A healthy church is one that is filled with His presence, is motivated to serve Him, and has love for “one another”.**



# QUESTIONS