

EQUIPPING & OUTREACH ASSESSMENT

To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching.
Ephesians 4:12-14

APOLOGETICS GOALS

- 1) On average, how often does your preaching calendar address key issues that the Christian faith must address (Does God Exist?, Why Does God Allow Evil & Suffering?, Are There Moral Absolutes?, What is the Evidence for the Resurrection?, etc.)
 Once a quarter Once a year Occasionally Don't know

- 2) On average, how often does your preaching calendar address the general issues of doubt and suffering to help Christians understand these key areas in their Christian journey?
 Once a quarter Once a year Occasionally Don't know

- 3) What is your goal for how often your *congregation* hears a message or series focused on apologetic issues? When was the most recent message? _____

- 4) What is your goal for training your *leadership* on the issue of apologetics? When was the most recent training?

- 5) What is your goal for training *a specific group* within your church to interact with a social issue or workplace issue (Sanctity of life issues, end of life issues, social issues like poverty, etc.)? When was the most recent training?

6) How would your church congregants respond to these questions that their friends and co-workers ask them?	Able to give a reasoned answer	Liable to give an emotional, flawed answer	Would remain silent or walk away
Does God exist?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Why does God allow evil and suffering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there moral absolutes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is it reasonable to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is Christianity consistent with science?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know how to respond to cults (Mormonism & Jehovah's Witnesses)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know where Islam is in conflict with Christianity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know how to dialog with Catholic family & friends?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APOLOGETICS RESOURCES

7) What apologetic resources or ongoing education options are available to members of your church?

(Check the appropriate boxes)	Available and visible (e.g. on a book table or in a Welcome Center)	Available on a limited basis (e.g. in the church library or on personal loan)
Apologetic books by noted authors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apologetic CDs by noted authors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apologetic resources developed by the pastor or within the church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8) What ongoing training in Christian apologetics does your church provide for people interested in greater knowledge or training in these issues? _____

9) Are you aware of the following programs, which may be completed wholly or in part through online study?

- a. Biola Certificate program I am aware of this program I would like more information
- b. Biola MA in Christian Apologetics I am aware of this program I would like more information

EVANGELISM/OUTREACH

10) When was the last time your church sponsored evangelism training?

- In the last 12 months Within the last two years Within the last five years Can't remember

11) When was the last time your church sponsored an outreach Sunday specifically designed to connect with the unchurched and the unsaved?

- In the last 12 months Within the last two years Within the last five years Can't remember

What was it? _____

How effective was it? _____

12) How many specific ministries in your church are designed *exclusively* to connect with the unchurched or unsaved?

- None One Two or three Four or more Not sure

13) Please classify the number of conversions that have occurred in the last 12 months as a result of the influence of your congregation:

Total	Friendship evangelism	Events	Outreach ministries	Other

14) What percentage of your members:

_____ have the ability to present the gospel in a one-on-one setting?

_____ know how to lead someone to Christ?

_____ know how to follow-up a brand-new Christian?

EQUIPPING IN CHURCH DOCTRINE

15) Rate the general confidence of your average church member as it relates to understanding the Christian faith

Thorough grasp of this doctrine; is able to teach others

Grasps aspects & implications of this doctrine but no mastery

Limited or faulty understanding; not able to apply this to everyday life

Study of the Bible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of God	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of Christ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of the Holy Spirit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of Man	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of Sin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of Angels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of the Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Study of the End Times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16) If 100% represents the totality of the teaching of Christian doctrine to your members on a regular basis, what portion of it occurs:

_____ % during the preaching in the service?

_____ % in Sunday School?

_____ % in small groups?

_____ % through intentional classes designed to teach doctrine systematically?

EQUIPPING NEW BELIEVERS

17) What materials and resources does your church use to communicate Christian doctrine to your members?

Resources developed by us:	Outside curriculum or materials we obtained:
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18) What ministries does your church have in place to help develop a new believer in the faith, and how effective are they?

<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Class	How effective?
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Groups	How effective?
<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Class	How effective?
<input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Individuals	How effective?
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify:)	How effective?

<p>Please return this assessment to:</p> <p>Dr. Brent Strawsburg EQUIPPING AND OUTREACH CONSULTANT <i>Christian Apologetics for the Relevant Church</i></p> <p>11462 Martha Ann Drive Rossmoor, CA 90720</p> <p>Brent.Strawsburg@gmail.com</p>	<p>Assessment submitted by:</p> <p>Pastor _____</p> <p>Church _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p>
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