

Holy

An Introduction to
Strategic Planning

EXCAVATION

PURPOSE

Unearth our hopes and dreams for God's world through a one-day workshop.

This is right for your church if you realize that you can name what you do (your activities), but it's harder to name the difference you are making in people's lives or the world. Or you realize most decisions in the church are made to solve problems or keep people happy rather than to respond to the continuing call of God.

GOAL

Questions We Will Answer

What is the biblical narrative our congregation is now living?

How is the Bible shaping our decisions and actions?

What are the values which currently guide our ministry?

What is the evidence that we're living out of our values?

What is not an option for our congregation?

What is God's dream for the community which we serve?

PROCESS

1

Pray

The 4-5 hour workshop begins with prayer and devotion.

2

Question

For 2-3 hours, work through the guiding questions in small groups.

3

Gather

Discuss what God has been doing with the entire group.

4

Name

Name positive steps forward based on the results of step 3.



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