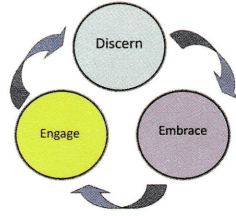


The Transformational Loop



Key Question: Where are we?

Discern Context

MISSIONARY MENTALITY: Transformational churches discern their contexts.

- Understanding the community: We understand the cultural context surrounding the church. We know who lives around us.
- Evaluating the church: We know we are called to care for the community. We strive for everything we do to be in the language and culture of the people we are trying to reach.

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Embrace Proper Values

VIBRANT LEADERSHIP: Leadership is missional in perspective and action-oriented in decisions.

- We promote a culture of “we” instead of “me.”
- We emphasize teams and strive to have less structure.
- We expect, encourage, equip, and empower members to serve.

RELATIONAL INTENTIONALITY: Relationships are the platform through which people find and follow Jesus.

- We have systems and processes designed to provide and promote relationship development—for the first-time guest, the new member, and the long-term member.

PRAYERFUL DEPENDENCE: Spontaneous prayer is normative.

- We see prayers answered and we celebrate.

Key Question: What are we doing?

Engage Right Actions

WORSHIP: There is a sense of anticipation in transformational churches.

- We focus on presence of God instead of the performance of people.
- We practice worship as a spiritual discipline.
- We see lives changed through worship.

COMMUNITY: We recognize that smaller communities within the church are the most effective delivery system for life change. These small community groups contain five elements:

- Mission Orientation – We understand and look for ways to join God on mission.
- Word-driven Mentality – The anchor is the Word of God.
- Multiplication Mindset – Our purpose is to reproduce—leaders and groups.
- Stranger Welcoming – We expect and plan for guests by creating a welcoming environment.
- Kingdom Focused – We look for ways to be outward focused.

MISSION: Transformational churches view themselves as on mission with God.

- We encourage a missional lifestyle.
- We look for ways to be involved in mission—giving; going; praying; long-term; short-term.
- We plant churches; we send people on mission trips—locally, nationally, and internationally; we adopt unchurched people groups.