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ELDER TRAINING

CHAPTER 4: WHO IS MISSING



WATCH CHAPTER 4: OPENING DEVOTION

- Someone prays asking God to open our eyes to the seriousness of missing family members in our church, so we take note and act when they become missing.



WATCH CHAPTER 4, PART 1: "YOU ARE LOOKING!"

You will need your congregation's church attendance statistics to answer many of these questions.

- Do you know who the missing family members are in your church? How do you know?

- Do you know what is keeping them away?

- What percentage or how many of your members come ...
 - ... every week?
 - ... 3 times a month?
 - ... 2 times a month?
 - ... 1 time a month?
- How many of your members have not worshiped for more than a month?

- How many weeks can a family member in your church be absent from the means of grace before they are considered lost or missing? In other words, when does the “alarm sound” that a family member is missing at your church? (*circle one*)
 - 5 weeks?
 - 6 weeks?
 - 7 weeks?
 - 8 weeks?
 - 9 weeks?
 - Shorter?
 - Longer?

If you do not have this answer ... take some time to talk about what it should be and why.

- Does that number differ depending on life circumstances such as:
 - College students?
 - High school students?
 - Member of military?
 - Those with medical issues?
 - Shut-ins?

Evaluate how much ministry time focuses on these groups. Would any of them benefit from increased attention?

- Who is the person that sounds the alarm that someone is missing? How and when do they do that?

- Once the “alarm” is sounded, how long does it take for someone to contact the missing person? (*Please note: communication will be discussed in another session.*)

- Evaluate your current timeline when someone is missing. Are you satisfied with it? If not, what would you improve?



WATCH CHAPTER 4, PART 2: “JESUS IS LOOKING!”

- How does the reality that Jesus is looking for the lost along with you encourage as well as motivate you?



WATCH CHAPTER 4, CLOSING DEVOTION

- Someone closes with prayer.