

Questions and Ideas to Explore with your Faith Community from Gather – Transform – Send

Gather

- 1) Neighborhood Map. Sketch out a map of the area around your church. Where are the places that people gather? Where do you see God at work? Where is there a need? How might your congregation partner with places already at work with God? How might your congregation fill in the gap between what is offered and what is needed?
- 2) Practice a few 1:1 relationship meetings between you and someone who attends your church and between you and someone who is vicariously connected to your church. Get to know their story of how they first came to your church, why they stuck around, and/or what invitation might encourage them to go deeper.

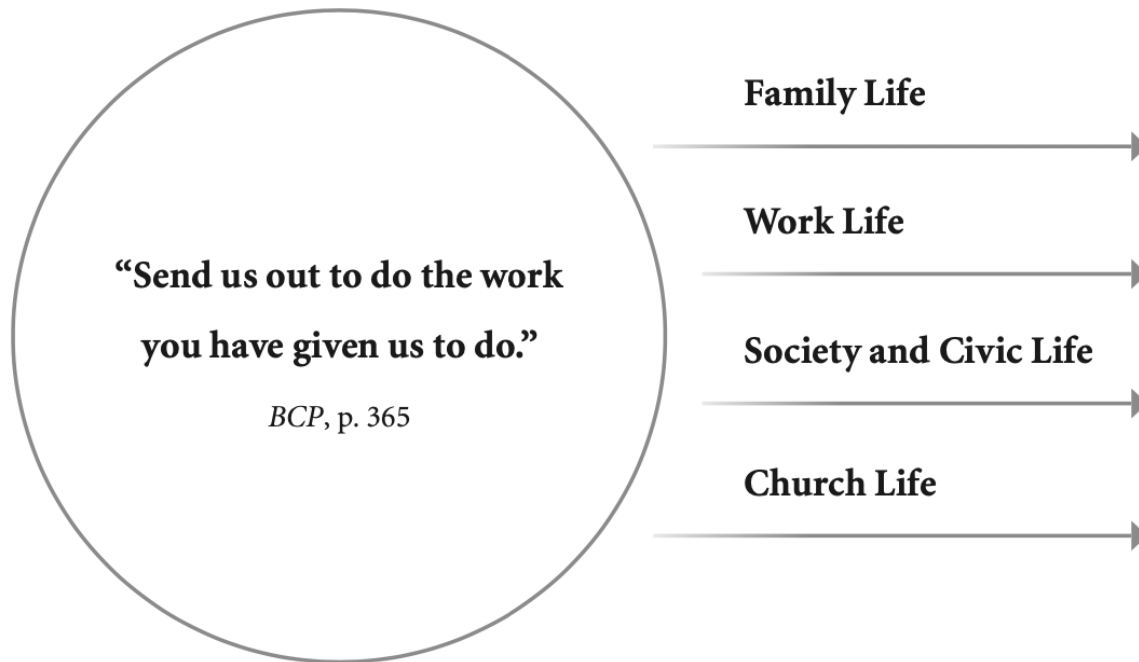
Transform



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- 1) Use the word cloud above to ask members of your faith community what words relate to a transformational moment they experienced in your congregation. Ask them to share their story of that moment.
 - 2) What are you noticing could be an area to strengthen in your community?

Send

- 1) When you are sent to “Go in peace to love and serve God,” what does that look like in your daily/weekly life? Create a visual for your faith community that allows everyone to add what it looks like in their family, work, civic, and church life to do the work God has given them to do.



- 2) Looking at where you are sent out, think of ways you are equipped by your faith community – specific moments in Sunday worship, weekly Bible study, formation gatherings, support groups, fellowship – write them down and add it to the visual. What are some of the strengths of the community? Where do you feel like you need more support for your daily life and work?

Sources:

- Vital Christian Community: 12 Characteristic of Healthy Congregations, by Phil Brochard and Alissa Newton
- Trainer Guide for the College for Congregational Development