

Creating a Welcoming Church Culture-- Outline

1. THE STRUGGLING CHURCH: IDENTIFYING BARRIERS IN YOUR CHURCH AND IN YOU.

- *5 barriers that prevent many churches from attracting, encouraging, and transforming visitors into passionate church members.*
- *Personal inventory – identifying barriers in your own life, marriage, relationships which hinder or cripple the capacity and ability of your church to deeply welcome newcomers according to the ‘mind of Christ’*
 - *Starting strong, staying strong: involving the whole church family (a personal heart search exercise for each church member)*

2. THE GODLY CHURCH : EXPERIENCING AND EXPRESSING GOD’S HEART

- *Welcoming starts in the heart of God*
- *Life changing insights from the Old and New Testaments*
- *Two amazing biblical examples that are models for us in deepening our relationship with God and touching others at their point of need!*

3. THE INVITING CHURCH: CREATING A WELCOMING CULTURE

- *How can the pattern of your life together bless others so much that they feel “invited” to join your church family for the glory of God?*
- *Steps to developing an inviting culture in your church!*

- A. *Defining a welcoming culture*
- B. *The “glue” that holds your church together —3 habits of a loving heart!*
- C. *Conditions which motivate newcomers to stay*
- D. *Spiritual health check — 7 signs from God’s word!*

4. THE INSPIRING CHURCH: PRODUCING PASSIONATE PARTICIPANTS

HOW DO WE KEEP THE PROCESS GOING EVERY DAY?

- *Developing intimacy with God – 3 lessons from the prayer of Jesus (John 17)*
- *12 action steps leading to a welcoming mindset and culture that inspires newcomers in partnering with you and for God’s mission in your community or city!*
- *Lesson of the faucet!*
- *(Demonstration after each of Section 1, 2, and 3 on how to change the culture of your church into a more Christ-like one.)*

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