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BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH FORMATION



Discussion Guide for Districts and Small Groups

PURPOSE

The Building Blocks Project is designed to strengthen current ministries and to create a vision for future direction.

What are the Building Blocks of Faith?

The Building Blocks of Faith answer this simple question: "What do people need in order to grow their faith?" The program provides tools to help church ministries flourish and to help the congregation develop better discipleship through faith formation culture.

In November, 2015 the Building Blocks Team conducted a survey to assess the faith needs of our church and its ministries. We collected a lot of great information (available on the bulletin board in the office hallway) that is helping us develop a preliminary vision for the future faith needs of our congregation.

We would like to start by asking people to engage in discussion about the four Building Blocks of Faith. How has each one of these areas of faith formation been present or lacking in your lives?

- I Belong
- I Know
- I Have Hope
- I Am Called and Equipped

QUESTIONS

- 1. Describe a time when you felt that you belonged to God or His congregation.
- 2. Identify barriers for congregation members and visitors that prevent them from recognizing they belong to God and His Church.
- 3. Describe how you came to know God and His stories.
- 4. Identify barriers for congregation members and visitors that prevent them from knowing more about God and His stories.
- 5. Describe a time when God brought you hope.
- 6. Identify barriers for people that prevent them from being reminded of and experiencing hope.
- 7. Describe times when this congregation was encouraged to think about their calling and equipping for service in God's Kingdom.
- 8. Identify barriers for people that prevent them from recognizing they have been called and equipped to work in the Kingdom.
- 9. Share one of the most significant moments in the formation of your own faith.
- 10. We'd like some suggestions or ideas: how can the Building Blocks faith formation process strengthen our church?