

Outward Focused Conversation

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- Describe in your own words what an outward-focused church looks and acts like. If possible name a church that models what you've described.
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- If 1 represents an extremely inward-focused church and 10 represents an extremely outward-focused church, what number would you pick between 1 and 10 to describe your own church? Please share why you chose this number.
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- Look over your church calendar and your church budget for this past year before answering the following question. What percentage of your time and money was spent playing home games versus playing away games?
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- Over the past year what percentage of your people do you believe engaged in one or more spiritual conversations? What do you believe it would take to improve this percentage?
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- Over the past 3 years of ministry, how many people outside the faith but inside your reach are now inside the church due to your reach outside the church?
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- What do you believe it takes to transform inwardly focused Christians into outwardly focused Christ followers?
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- What percentage of your people do you believe are actively given to living out the Christian mission in their Monday thru Saturday worlds?
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- If your church closed its doors this week in what ways do you believe your community would miss you?
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- What next steps do you believe God wants your church to take to become more outwardly focused?
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- What has (excited/disturbed) you the most by having this outward-focused conversation?
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Please Note: These questions were prepared by Doug Pollock to help your faith community prepare for his visit. Feel free to skip the ones not relevant to your particular context. Have someone record your findings and e-mail them to Doug to help him in his preparation. Thanks!