

Strategic Plan Focus Area Discussion Guide

Centrality of the Church

1. Is your ministry currently in full partnership with a local church? If no, what are some practical ways your ministry can move that direction. If yes, are there areas of that relationship with your local church that could grow?
2. What are some ways that your ministry risks minimizing the importance of the church? This is often through unintended consequences to a well-intentioned idea. What are some of those areas of greatest risk in your ministry?
3. Do you have any recommendations or methods for how your ministry can assess how central the church is to your ministry? This is important for both growth in this area now as well as guarding against mission drift in the future.
4. In what ways are you preparing those who serve within your ministry in their understanding of the importance of the church being central and the necessity of the commission to be carried out by the church?
5. How are the concepts of the centrality of the church relevant in the personal lives of each team member regardless of whether they live in the United States or another country?