Re-Visioning Your Community
What Shapes Your Church?

Worship?

A particular ministry?

Member’s preferences?
Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Matthew 28:18-20

AS YOU ARE GOING
And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Our Daily Prayer:
God, help me to see
the people that you
place in my life each
day.
Brainstorming About Your Community

- List everything you currently know about your community (describe the people, employment, wants, needs, struggles)
- Make a list of questions to find out about your community / people
- List Community Events
- Community Values
Listen to God
Listen to your community
Prayer Walks
Pray
Observe
Encounter
• Walk through the neighborhood together
• As you walk, ask yourself
  • What would Jesus see, hear, notice and experience?
  • What would break Jesus' heart?
  • What burden is Jesus calling you to bear in the mission field?
Observe

• As you walk consider the following
  • People
  • Land-use patterns
  • Condition of properties
  • Condition of streets
  • How has the community changed
  • What am I seeing for the first time
• As you walk pray for the people you see
• Strike up a conversation
• Listen more than talk
• Ask the following
  • What do you love about living or working here?
  • What is challenging about living/working here?
• Questions continued
• What would you love to see in this community?
• What do you think some of the community needs are?
Develop relationships

3 Characteristics
   Organic
   Authentic
   Reliable
Organic Relationships

Cannot be forced

Must be life-giving

Requires an investment of time
Genuine

Honest

Care

Authentic Relationships
Who are you?

What do you like to do?

Who could you do it with?

How could you intentionally share your faith?
Consistency in relationships takes time, involvement, effort and energy. In general, people appreciate those who offer love in consistent ways.