

SHAPING QUESTIONS FOR OUR CARING COMMUNITY

- 1) How are we developing a community which **celebrates, enjoys, and passionately embraces life** (even in its messiness)?
- 2) What remains of **attractional** Christendom in what we do and what yet needs to be abandoned?
- 3) What parts of what we do are **incarnational** and need to be encouraged and expanded?
- 4) In what ways are we placing a **high value** on communal life, more open leadership structures, and the contribution of all in caring for and encouraging one another? Is there anything extraordinary about our love for one another and for our neighbors?
- 5) Where is our community **embracing risk**? (leaving our comfort zone, sacrificing, engaging in hard work, opening ourselves to possible persecution, enduring, and putting others first)?
- 6) Are we **sending** or **extracting**? Are we thinking in terms of multiplication or addition?
- 7) Are we **sensitive** to the “pop soup” in which our **neighbors** are living when we communicate truth?
- 8) Are we **marked** by holiness, prayer, socializing with unbelievers, and support for evangelists?
- 9) What is our **relational health**? What are we reproducing here? Are we adept at “soul-whispering friendship” to one another and to our neighbors? What are our modes for teaching this?
- 10) Do we have strong **core** beliefs? Do we have artificial **boundaries** (for membership/association)? What is at our center? In what ways are we soft on the edges (open)?
- 11) Is our purpose to fulfill Christ’s **mission** in the world or to have our **own needs** met?
- 12) How are we **co-laboring** together? Are we contributing to a culture of **engagement**?
- 13) Are we growing as **good storytellers**, and are we seeing where God’s story, our story, and the stories of others overlaps?
- 14) Are we sound in Jesus (Messianic faith) and teaching the **Kingdom**?
- 15) Are we processing knowledge and information or fostering an **inquiring** environment?

SHAPING QUESTIONS FOR OUR MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

- 1) How are we developing strategies that are allowing the gospel to seep into the **cracks and crevices** of our society?
- 2) How are we encouraging “shared leadership” which allows for apostolic function (sending) while stimulating **engagement** of leadership throughout **giftedness** and missional **passion**?
- 3) In what ways are we fostering new **alternative** and experimental communities of faith?
- 4) Whom are we serving in our culture? What “people groups?” What “**new tribes**?”
- 5) How is “incarnational ministry” being practically represented, modeled, and taught within our sphere of relational impact? Are we recognizing and nurturing what is **springing up** around us? Are we actively exploring how God is working in and around us?