

A TO Z OF CHURCH NUTS AND BOLTS

ADVERTISING

- ADVERTISING IS ANYTHING YOU PRODUCE THAT TELLS OTHERS SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR PARISH
- WHAT YOU PRODUCE SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT WHO YOU ARE. IS YOUR ADVERTISING
 - COLOURFUL?
 - WELL PRESENTED?
 - ENGAGING?
 - ACCURATE?
- BRANDING IS HELPFUL...LOGO, FONT, ETC

BUILDINGS

- OUR BUILDINGS SPEAK VOLUMES ABOUT OUR PRIORITIES
- ARE THEY WELL DESIGNED?
- ARE THERE PEOPLE SPACES?
- ARE THE SPACES WE HAVE APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR USE?
- ARE THERE GOOD AMENITIES?
- IS THERE GOOD SIGNAGE?
- IS THE FURNITURE COMFORTABLE AND APPROPRIATE?
- ARE OUR PROPERTIES SAFE?
- HAVE THEY PASSED THEIR USE BY DATE?

CHRIST

- IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.
- WHAT IS HIS WILL FOR YOU?
- WHAT IS HIS CHALLENGE FOR YOU?
- ARE YOUR LEADERS FAITHFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE
 - OBEDIENT ?
 - TRUSTING?
 - VISIONARY?
 - PRAYERFUL?

DISCIPLES

- ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES....THERE IS NO SECOND OPTION
- ARE THERE PROGRAMMES IN PLACE THAT CHALLENGE AND EQUIP PEOPLE IN THEIR DISCIPLESHIP?
- ARE YOU MODELLING THE WAY OF A DISCIPLE IN HOW YOU LIVE AND IN YOUR PRIORITIES AND CHOICES?
- ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP TAUGHT AND PRACTICED?

EXCITEMENT

- IS YOUR CHURCH BORING?
- ARE PEOPLE EXCITED TO BELONG?
- DO YOU CELEBRATE SUCCESSES?
- DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE FAITHFULNESS?
- DO YOU ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY?
- DO YOU RECOGNISE DEDICATION?
- IS GENEROSITY A WAY OF LIFE?

FOOD

- IS A GREAT PEOPLE GATHERER
- ARE THERE ADEQUATE AND SAFE PREPARATION AREAS?
- DO THEY MEET CURRENT HEALTH STANDARDS AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS?
- DO THEY ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS?
- DO THEY MEET THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS?

GOD

•GOD IS WHO IT'S ALL ABOUT...DO PEOPLE REALISE THAT FACT?

HOPE

- BE READY TO PROCLAIM THE HOPE THAT IS WITHIN YOU.
- NEVER SELL GOD'S VISION OR PEOPLE SHORT
- ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT GOD ORDERS GOD PAYS FOR...USUALLY THROUGH US.
- HOW IS YOUR PARISH A SIGN OF HOPE?
- IF IT'S NOT A SIGN OF HOPE, WHAT IS IT A SIGN OF?

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- See 2nd last slide.....

JESUS

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- **GOT THE POINT????**

KINGDOM

- THE KINGDOM IS WHAT WE'RE CALLED TO BE SIGNS OF
- HOW DOES YOUR PARISH PROCLAIM KINGDOM VALUES?
- WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ADDRESS INJUSTICE?
- HOW WILL YOU INSPIRE PEOPLE TO BIGGER VISIONS AND NEW PRIORITIES?

LOVE

- LOVE IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH
 - GODS FOR US
 - OURS FOR OTHERS
- HOW DOES YOUR PARISH PROCLAIM AND LIVE THIS TRUTH IN A VISIBLE WAY?
- DO YOU AS A LEADER LIVE THIS TRUTH?
- HOW DOES THIS FACT AFFECT YOUR DECISION MAKING PROCESSES?

MINISTRY

- MINISTRY IS WHAT WE ALL DO
- HOW DO YOU PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL PEOPLE TO GROW IN THEIR MINISTRY?
- WHAT TEACHING AND TRAINING DO YOU HAVE?
- WHO DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS? WHY?
- HOW CAN YOU COMMUNICATE AND MODEL THIS BETTER WITHIN YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY?

NEW MEMBERS

- HOW ARE THEY WELCOMED, INCORPORATED AND FOLLOWED UP?
- HOW ARE THEY INFORMED ABOUT THINGS LIKE EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP?
- HOW ARE THEY ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER THEIR GIFTS?
- HOW ARE THEY INCORPORATED INTO GROUPS FOR STUDY AND SERVICE?

OPPORTUNITIES

- HOW ARE THESE RECOGNISED AND RESPONDED TO?
- HOW ARE PEOPLE ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF NEW MINISTRIES?
- WHO DISCERNES THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE?
- WHO DECIDES WHAT TO TAKE UP AND WHAT TO LEAVE?

PARKING

- CARS ARE THE WAY MOST PEOPLE TRAVEL TO CHURCH TODAY
- IS THERE ADEQUATE PARKING?
- IS THE CARPARK SAFE?
- IS THE CARPARK WELL LIT?
- DO YOU HELP PEOPLE TO PARK WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING BIG ON?
- WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ADDRESS YOUR PARKING NEEDS?

QUIET PLACES

- PLACES FOR PRAYER, STUDY DISCUSSION, AND SILENCE ARE ALL IMPORTANT
- DESIGN PRINCIPLES OF THESE SPACES ARE CRUCIAL.
- IS THERE A GOOD FLOW TO ROOMS AND SPACES?
- IS THERE ADEQUATE INSULATION OF NOISE AND VISION WHEN NECESSARY?
- IS THERE GOOD ACCESS AND PRIVACY?

RESPONSIBILITIES

- NEED TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL
- WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT?
- WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE, AND HOW IS THAT ACCOUNTABILITY IMPLEMENTED?
- HOW ARE RESPONSIBILITIES DEFINED AND REVIEWED?
- IS THERE A PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH CONFLICT?

SERVANTS

- SERVANTHOOD IS OUR PRIORITY
- WHO ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE?
- HOW?
- WHAT SERVANTHOOD IS NOT...
 - DOORMATS
 - SQUEAKY WHEELS
 - MANIPULATORS

TRAINING

- NO-ONE SHOULD BE ASKED TO DO WHAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE SKILLS TO DO
- IS THERE TRAINING FOR EVERY ASPECT OF PARISH LIFE THAT IS
 - ONGOING?
 - STIMULATING?
 - SUPPORTING?
 - REGULAR?

UNDERSTANDING

- ARE LEADERS GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE?
- DO YOU HAVE MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES?
- DO YOU HAVE A SUCCESSION PROGRAMME FOR KEY MINISTRIES?
- DO YOU HAVE A BUDGET FOR ONE OFF LEARNING PROJECTS FOR SENIOR STAFF AND LEADERS?
- DO YOU ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE TIME OUT TO BUILD THEIR SKILLS BASE?

VISION

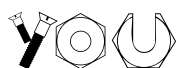
- CHRIST'S VISION WILL CHALLENGE AND ENGAGE THE CHURCH
- WHERE THERE IS NO VISION GOD'S PEOPLE PERISH (Proverbs)
- IS YOUR PARISH VISION CLEAR?
- IS YOUR PARISH VISION WELL COMMUNICATED AND EXPLAINED
 - OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND.....??

WISDOM

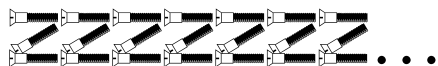
- DO YOU GATHER WISE PEOPLE AROUND THE LEADERSHIP TEAM?
- HOW DO YOU LISTEN TO THEM?
- HOW DO YOU DISCERN ABOUT THEIR COUNSEL?
- HOW DO YOU ENCOURAGE AND AFFIRM THEM?



- CHECK THE DETAILS!
- HOW DO YOU ENSURE EVERYTHING IS AS GOOD AS IT CAN BE?
- WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR QUALITY CONTROL?
- MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE THE BEST ADVICE WHEN YOU'RE IMPLEMENTING PLANS AND STRATEGIES



- ARE THE ONE WHO IS A BEARER OF HOPE.
- ARE CALLED TO BE CHRIST TO YOUR WORLD.
- ARE THE ONE WHO MAY HAVE A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO WHAT CHRIST IS SAYING TO YOUR PARISH.
- ARE THE ONE THROUGH WHOM GOD WILL WORK TO CHANGE HIS WORLD.
- HOW WILL YOU LIVE THIS VOCATION?



•WAKE UP!!!!!!

- THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR SLEEPING ON THIS WATCH!

NUTS AND BOLTS

- WE'RE IN THE BUSINESS OF PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER
- DON'T FORGET THE NUTS AND BOLTS
- RIGHT THINGS IN THE RIGHT PLACES AND JOINED TO RIGHT PRIORITIES MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN ENABLING THE CHURCH TO GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, SERVICE AND WITNESS.

In all things be obedient to Christ.
Keep open to the Spirit and focused on mission.
Equip the saints for the work of ministry.
Always be expectant of God's next challenge and opportunity.

PAYING ATTENTION TO THE NUTS AND BOLTS WILL MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE
