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Information & Sample Packet

Components

Thy Kingdom Come Notebook
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Thy Kingdom Come Strengths/Value Assessment

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Thy Kingdom Come Coaching DVD
PowerPoint Overview Presentation
PowerPoint Congregation Workshop
Thy Kingdom Come Certified Consultants

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4 Months That *Could* Change The Church

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➤➤ Getting Started

The Call to Prepare

Throughout the Scriptures God calls His people to prepare. The Israelites were told to get ready to leave Egypt by preparing their doorposts. A generation later Joshua told the people to prepare for the crossing over of Jordan by sanctifying (preparing) themselves. Jesus' story of the wise and foolish virgins teaches that only those who are prepared get to enter the kingdom. He told His disciples to watch and wait for His return, an obvious command to live in a constant state of spiritual preparedness.

In each of these instances obedience was the key that unlocked the future for the people of God. Being spiritually prepared means living in a state of willful obedience. Said another way, spiritual preparedness means developing an attitude of saying "yes" to God.

Spiritual preparedness has a clearly identifiable objective: to help the believer and the church to realize why they exist. The Bible, beginning with God's call to the Israelites at Sinai (Exod. 19) and continuing with the commissioning of the new Israel (1 Pet. 2:5,9), reveals a God who is intent on creating a people who will join Him in His redemptive mission in the world. A kingdom-minded, spiritually prepared believer is a Christian with a clear sense of life mission. A kingdom-minded, spiritually prepared church is a congregation with a clear sense of mission. This mission has never changed. We (the church) are the people of God created to partner with Him in His redemptive efforts in the world.

Spiritual preparation does not come in a can, a box, or a planning module. It is not a program. It is a quest. Intentional prayer efforts are always present for any significant level of spiritual preparation to be achieved. These may be specially-called or ongoing. Sometimes a multi-week, multi-faceted approach of calling the church to prayer serves as a way for God to raise the spiritual awareness of the congregation, preparing them to hear from Him in a fresh way. When the church is hungry for God to show Himself then *Thy Kingdom Come* can prepare you for your next chapter of church ministry.

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- Preview the *Thy Kingdom Come* materials with your key leaders. Show the introduction DVD to key leaders, church council, deacons, the entire congregation.
 - Secure approval to enter the process from whomever you need.
 - Present the *Thy Kingdom Come* workshop for the congregation.
 - Establish a calendar for:
 - *Thy Kingdom Come* workshop.
 - Commissioning the futuring group.
 - Church member covenant.
 - Congregational survey.
 - Biblical lesson in Sunday School or small group study.

These events are usually done in the first weeks of *Thy Kingdom Come* process.

Thy Kingdom Come Fast-Forwarding Your Church's Future

Who should benefit from *Thy Kingdom Come*? Churches and church leaders who:

- Are open to God.
- Are open to the future.
- Are committed to being obedient to the Great Commission.
- Want the church to be prepared to capture the opportunities and to meet the challenges coming their way.
- Will no longer accept business-as-usual and want to do something about it.
- Are willing to build on congregational strengths.

Who will not be able to benefit from *Thy Kingdom Come*? Churches and church leaders who:

- Are deeply conflicted. Preparing for the future is tough to do when people are busy fighting.
- Are committed to their current ministry agenda no matter what is going on around them.
- Think the path to the future is by merely extending past/current ministry practice into the future.

If you decide to engage in *Thy Kingdom Come* you can expect the following results in four to six months:

- The emergence of a vision for the next chapter of your church life.
- The clarification of values that will be needed to support the vision.
- The establishment of results that will deliver your future to you.
- The identification of strengths you can build on.
- The permission and blessing of your congregation to proceed.
- The arrangements for accountability to monitor progress.

Being prepared for God's future means that you will have become captured by God's heart for you. This discovery of and response to the heart of God is the key spiritual dynamic that permeates these materials. By the time you finish *Thy Kingdom Come* you will have fastforwarded your church's future.

Now . . . what? That is up to you.

Characteristics of the *Thy Kingdom Come* Process

- Spiritual/Theological Base.
 - Future Oriented.
 - Church Friendly.
 - Kingdom Biased.
 - Strengths Sensitive.
 - Integrated Systems Approach.
 - Non-Consultant Dependent.
 - Simple.
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Thy Kingdom Come

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Launching Your Future

- Introduction
- Pulling It All Together
- Securing the Blessing
- Keeping it Moving

Assessment/Notes

Thy Kingdom Come Congregation Workshop

The congregation should participate in the “congregational workshop.” This workshop will take about an hour and a half. A workbook is available to serve as a listening guide.

It is recommended that an outside consultant comes and leads the workshop.

The more members of the church involved in this workshop the greater the understanding of the process and acceptance of the end report.

During the workshop the congregation will gain insight into:

- The need for Spiritual Preparation for kingdom work.
- How Vision and Values translates into kingdom work.
- How God desires results and uses the strengths of the congregation to see kingdom work become a reality.



Thy Kingdom Come Congregational Strengths/Value Assessment

In addition to asking church members to sign the Church Member Covenant, they also become very involved in the *Thy Kingdom Come* process by taking part in an exercise that will reveal the strengths and values as perceived by members of the congregation.

Determine the best time to capture the responses from the most people. Many churches adjust their worship times to allow for those in attendance to participate. Your *Thy Kingdom Come* provider will assist you in determining the best way to tabulate the data from the respondents and, from that determination, will provide instruction and materials for the specific assessment tool to be used.

Sample Format - 32 Questions



Thy Kingdom Come: Congregational Strengths & Values Assessment Sample Baptist Church Sample Association

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❖ To be completed by high school students and older.
 ❖ Use either pen or pencil.
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This congregation SHOULD help me with this...

This congregation CURRENTLY helps me with this...

NOT AT ALL VERY MUCH
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NOT AT ALL VERY MUCH
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1. Meet God in my worship experience at our church.
2. Have one or more persons at our church who are intentionally challenging me in my spiritual growth.
3. Learn to have conversations with unbelievers about who Jesus is and the relationship that I have with Him.
4. Increase the percentage of my income given to this church.
5. Use my spiritual gifts in Christian service.

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	Workshop Workbook	\$1.00	\$1.00	
	Value Assessment Survey - Customized for your church <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Survey <input type="checkbox"/> Self-scoring Survey	\$12 per 100	\$12 per 100	
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