



GOSPEL HEALTH

CHURCH LEADER REPORT

Leader Sample
EE Church

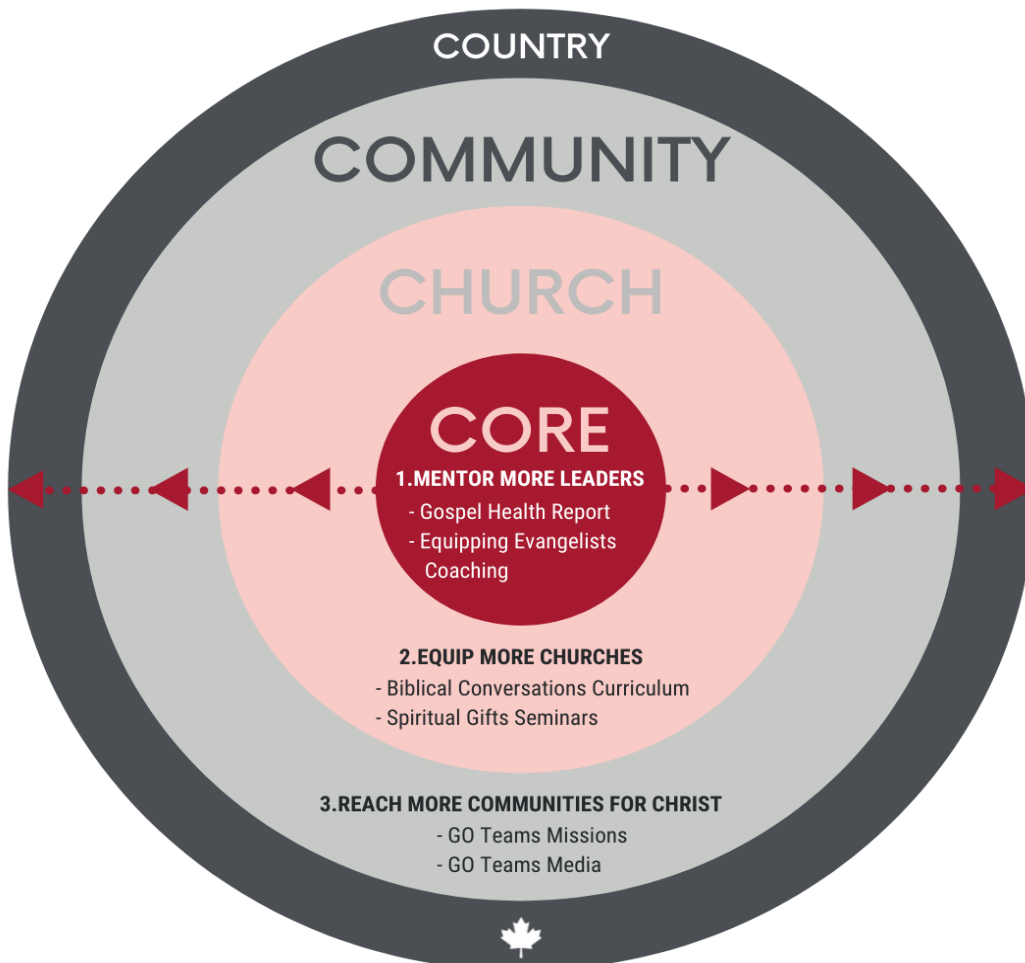


Congratulations on completing your Gospel Health Assessment with The Cross Current!

The Cross Current (TCC) is a local missions ministry that equips the Church by example to normalize sharing the gospel in all your personal and community relationships.

Biblically, we know that true gospel transformation always starts from the heart. This is why we do our best to begin all gospel missions partnerships by mentoring more core leaders to then equip key church members for reaching your community for Christ on mission together.

Equipping the Church by Example
from "Core to Community"



This Gospel Health Assessment and applicational consult is our strategic first step toward developing an equipping plan for you and your church to unify and multiply in gospel ministry together.

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YOUR CHURCH AND CONTACT SUMMARY

Your Church

Church Name: EE Church
Church Number: 52022
Address: Toronto, ON
Website: www.equippingevangelists.org
Affiliation/Denomination: Christian
Size: 75

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UNDERSTANDING GOSPEL HEALTH

Gospel Health is the term we use to understand a church's collective well-being in the doctrines and practices of several critical categories that converge into gospel ministry.

How will a personal and corporate health diagnosis in these critical categories help you and your church begin growing stronger together in your singular mission of preaching the gospel and making disciples? This is the practical outcome of your Gospel Health Report and consult with The Cross Current.

Now that your core leaders and key members have completed this assessment, we have a deeper diagnosis necessary to develop a customized discipleship plan in gospel missions partnership together.

REVIEWING YOUR RESULTS

Each gospel health category in your report contains the following analysis of results:



Your Perceived Health: how you currently see the health of your church leaders and members in this category to help determine our discipleship plan moving forward.

- o **Strength:** You perceive that your core leaders and church are healthy and strong in both doctrine and practice of this category.
- o **Possible Strength:** You perceive that your core leaders and church are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of this category but could use additional strengthening.
- o **Possible Growth:** You perceive that your core leaders and church are somewhat lacking in healthy doctrine and/or practice of this category and additional growth is required.
- o **Growth:** You perceive that your core leaders and church are unhealthy in doctrine and/or practice of this category and focused discipleship is necessary.

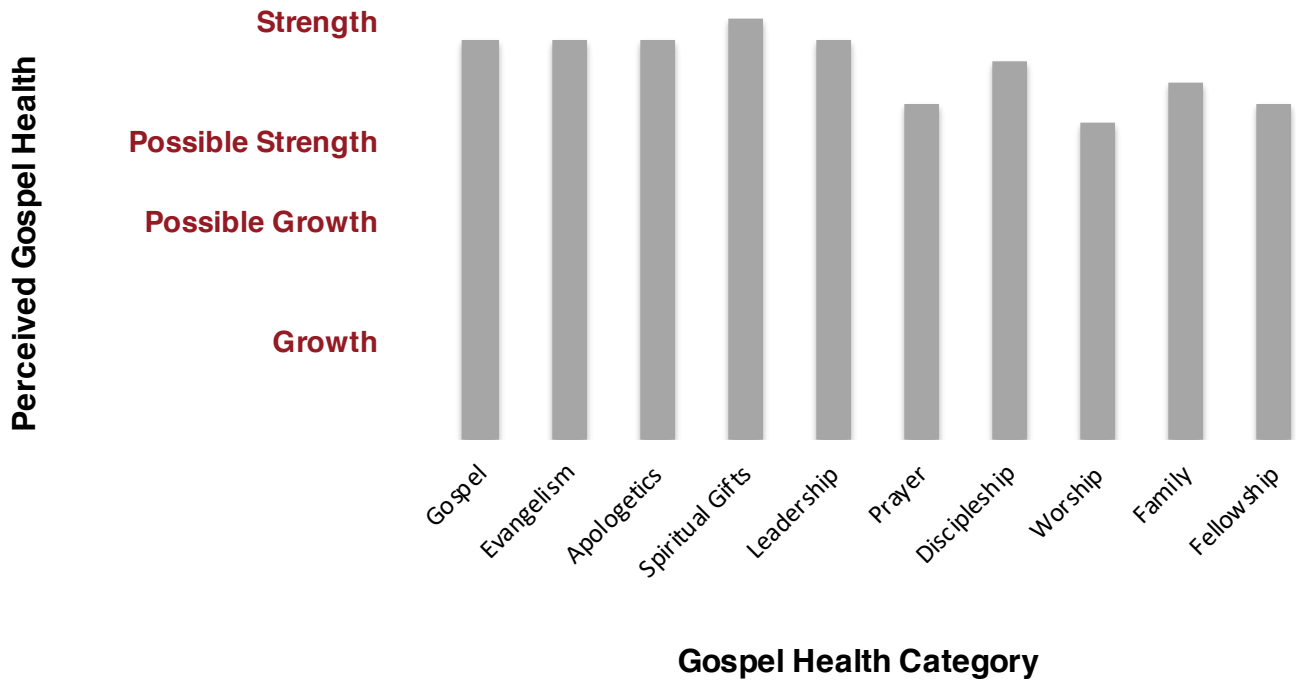
Doctrinal Summary: how this particular category contributes to the overall gospel health of your church.

Resource Suggestions: expert resources related to this category as recommended by our ministry leaders.

*Red gospel health categories are among the ministry services provided by The Cross Current.

YOUR OVERALL GOSPEL HEALTH SUMMARY

The graph and chart below summarize your perceived gospel health within each of ten critical categories assessed.



	Perceived Gospel Health			
	Strength	Possible Strength	Possible Growth	Growth
The Gospel	✓			
Evangelism	✓			
Apologetics	✓			
Spiritual Gifts	✓			
Leadership	✓			
Prayer		✓		
Discipleship	✓			
Worship		✓		
Family		✓		
Fellowship		✓		

THE GOSPEL



Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are healthy and strong in doctrine and practice of the gospel. It seems that you live consistently gospel-centred and give the message and ministry of the gospel the constant focus and fidelity required.

The gospel is the “good news” declaration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:3-4). More comprehensively, the gospel is also the totality of what Christ has accomplished and the everlasting effects produced. Through reminding the Corinthians about the essential centrality of the gospel, Paul teaches that the only saving gospel initially justifies, continually sanctifies, and eventually glorifies. Likewise, as the gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe (Rom. 1:16), the message and ministry of the gospel requires constant focus and fidelity for individuals and churches desiring to grow stronger in gospel health together.

Paul Washer, *The Gospel of Jesus Christ*. Reformation Heritage Books, 2016.

Jared Wilson, *The Gospel Driven Church*. Zondervan, 2019.

EVANGELISM



Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are healthy and strong in doctrine and practice of evangelism. It seems that you consistently equip by example for personal witness and experience increased passion and participation in gospel ministry together.

Evangelism is teaching of Christ and His gospel through preaching and personal witness. In essence, the practice of evangelism reveals what we truly believe about God, ourselves, sin, and the gospel itself. In the gospel is God’s power, and His sovereign working to change people’s hearts and lives comes only through the proclamation of this good news. As our churches grow in evangelism, we will also grow in welcoming others who are different, and by God’s grace another generation is saved to know the Lord. Knowing that God saves those who hear (Rom. 10:17), and also sanctifies those who share (2 Cor. 5:11-21), it follows that increased passion and participation in proclaiming this good news becomes the most visible sign of growing gospel health within us as Christians and our churches.

Will Metzger, *Tell the Truth*. InterVarsity Press, 1981.

Mack Stiles, *Evangelism*. Crossway, 2014.

APOLOGETICS



Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are healthy and strong in doctrine and practice of apologetics. It seems that you consistently confront culture by confidently opening Scripture to share a holy, hopeful, and reasoned defense of Christ's gospel and Lordship.

An apologetic is a holy, hopeful, and reasoned defense of Christ's gospel and Lordship (1 Pet. 3:15). As we engage with the objections of unbelievers in response to hearing the gospel, we experience first-hand the biblical truth that no one has ever rejected God for intellectual reasons, but always for moral ones. As God's image-bearers, all willfully suppress the truth of God they already know, and so apologetics is more about exposing than proving. Practically, we do this by opening Scripture in conversation to expose their knowledge of God for which they are without excuse. As we reason from God's Word, always remembering that all people are fearfully and wonderfully created in His image but marred by sin, we can respect all people, hear their hurts, be patient with their struggles, and love them as Christ loved us when we were His enemies. It's this practice and posture of biblical apologetics that helps strengthen our overall gospel health as a church.

Clifford B. McManis, *Biblical Apologetics*. Xlibris Corp, 2012.

Ken Ham, *The New Answers Book Box Set*. Master Books, 2007.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS



Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are healthy and strong in doctrine and practice of spiritual gifts. It seems that you consistently discover and demonstrate your spiritual gifts and actively use them to serve others inside and outside the church.

Spiritual gifts are given by God for His goal of gospel advancement through edifying the saints and spreading His good news together (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12-15). The big picture purpose of spiritual gifts in the Body of Christ can be taught using the 3-strand principle: His gospel and His gifts for His glory. Practically and missionally, God gives a diversity of gifts to unify and multiply His Church for His mission. This is why it's vital that individual Christians move from "me" to "we" to discover and demonstrate our spiritual gifts in gospel partnership together. The more we are each moved from the heart by the the Holy Spirit to have an outward and upward focus, the more we are motivated by Him to use our gifts for serving others and building up Christ's Body to the glory of God on mission together.

Sam Storms, *The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual Gifts*. Bethany House Publishers, 2013.

Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, *Total Church*. Crossway, 2008.

LEADERSHIP



Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders enjoy healthy collaboration in gospel ministry according to God-given roles and responsibilities. It seems that your entire church experiences consistent evangelistic examples of servant leadership and gospel partnership.

Christian leadership is influencing and inspiring others to imitate you as you imitate Christ (Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Tim. 4:11-16). As all Christians are commanded to imitate their leaders (Heb. 13:7), it follows that church-wide gospel health starts with core leaders collaborating in gospel ministry according to their roles and responsibilities. While equipping evangelists (Eph. 4:11-12) will necessarily have more expertise in equipping the saints in evangelism and apologetics, lasting gospel health can only happen when church leaders commit to being the evangelistic example they expect in their congregants. Practically, this necessitates leaders consistently doing the work of an evangelist in personal witness (2 Tim. 4:5), and also faithfully shepherding equipping evangelists and all others engaged in gospel ministry together (1 Pet. 5:2). In this pattern of collaboration, our mutual ministry and partnership in the gospel brings greater gospel health from the core leadership to entire church to the praise and glory of Christ.

Albert Mohler, *The Conviction to Lead*. Baker, 2014.

Larry J. Michael, *Spurgeon on Leadership*. Kregel, 2010.

PRAYER



Possible Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of prayer. Additional strengthening is needed to consistently equip and engage in praying individually and corporately for the truth of the gospel to come to bear on your lives.

Prayer is the primary way Christians communicate with God. Biblically, we come to the Father in the name of the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. As we pray, Christ prays with us and for us interceding on our behalf. Prayer is both an individual activity and a corporate act. While we pray in secret to our Father (Matt. 6:6), we also gather in prayer with other Christians (Acts 2:42). As we pray, we anticipate and celebrate God's mighty acts of salvation, provision, and blessing while continually recalling to mind His unchanging faithfulness. Practically, prayer is also the outworking of the truth of the gospel coming to bear on our lives. In prayer, we seek to magnify the Lord and admit our desperate need for His sovereign work. As such, gospel healthy Christians and churches consistently and persistently pray for our needs, forgiveness of sins, deliverance from evil, and advance of the gospel together.

Donald Whitney, *Praying the Bible*. Crossway, 2015.

John Onwuchekwa, *Prayer: How Praying Together Shapes the Church*. Crossway, 2018.

DISCIPLESHIP



Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are healthy and strong in doctrine and practice of discipleship. It seems that you biblically teach others by example to faithfully follow and obey Christ and His gospel together.

Discipleship is teaching others to follow and obey Christ (Matt. 28:18-20). Sound doctrine is essential for Christian growth (1 Tim. 4). However, Paul's pattern of discipleship urged Christians and churches to imitate his example as he imitated Christ's example (1 Cor. 11:1). God has made us in His image to be His imitators (Gen. 1:26-27; Eph. 5:1-2), and to reflect many aspects of His character and actions. However, as much as we try to imitate God, our image has been corrupted with sin. But the good news is that One has come to perfectly imitate His Father's way, and through His self-sacrifice, He offers us a way back to the Father – not by imitation, but by incorporation. Jesus calls us to Himself, to be united to Him. By trusting in Christ alone, we are supernaturally transformed to become imitators of God. Practically, you can only imitate that which has captivated you. As we behold the glory of the Lord, we call other people to follow our example as we follow Christ. As you do, those who follow you will grow in greater gospel faithfulness in both doctrine and practice.

Tim LaFleur, *The Heart of a Disciplemaker*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017.
Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*. Revell, 1993.

WORSHIP



Possible Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of worship. Additional strengthening is necessary to translate personal and corporate time in God's presence into joyfully proclaiming to others the glory of His Son.

Worship is the act of giving reverence to and adoring God for all of His excellencies in Christ. Worship is much more than merely music that we play and sing. True worship is a heartfelt response to God as He has revealed Himself in the glorious and beautiful person and work of His Son, Jesus Christ. Sadly, many Christians have disconnected worship from witness. But if worship is adoring God in Christ, and witness is making known the God we adore, it follows that time spent in His presence will move us to speak to others about His Son. Consider Andrew's encounter with Jesus in John 1:35-42a. Having spent time in God's presence, Andrew was compelled to urgently "go" and find his own brother Simon so that he might bring him to Jesus. When witness is languishing, worship is lacking. However, healthy worship inspires healthy witness. When we truly worship God, we are compelled by the glory of the Saviour to be His faithful witnesses with others.

John Piper, *God is the Gospel*. Crossway, 2005.
Bob Kauflin, *Worship Matters*. Crossway, 2008.

FAMILY



Possible Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of family. Additional strengthening is necessary for marriages and families to faithfully and fruitfully reflect the grace and truth of Christ and His gospel.

Family is the foundational institution of society ordained by God (Gen. 2:20-25). Scripture teaches that the more faithfully we imitate God, the more fruitfully we glorify God. When our church, marriages, and families together accurately reflect the grace and truth of Christ and His gospel, our world clearly hears and sees His glory in and through His Church. As a church, we reflect Christ and His gospel through loving and serving one another as brothers and sisters within an interdependent spiritual family (1 Cor. 12). In marriage, we reflect Christ and His gospel through the mutual love and submission between husbands and wives (Eph. 5). In our families, we reflect Christ and His gospel by raising our children in the grace and truth of God's Word (Prov. 22:6). Therefore, to faithfully and fruitfully glorify God in gospel proclamation, we must cultivate greater gospel health in our marriages, families, and church.

Joseph Hellerman, *When the Church Was a Family*. B&H Academic, 2009.

Paul Timothy Jones, *Perspectives on Family Ministry*. B&H Academic, 2009.

FELLOWSHIP



Possible Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of fellowship. Additional strengthening is necessary for sharing Christ's sacrificial love and mutual care with one another and advancing His gospel together.

Fellowship (Greek, *koinonia*) is translated as "partnership" (Phil. 1:5) or "sharing" (Phil. 3:5; Philem. 6). Fellowship between Christians means much more than just sharing a meal together. To have true fellowship is to love one another as Jesus loved us (John 13:34-35) and share in Him together by: partnership, mutual concern, care, and willingness to endure in hardships that come with ministry, all for the discipleship of the saints and advance of the gospel. As the Lord leads us to share His gospel in accordance with His gifts on mission together, He will also lead us to share our lives with one another, and the fruit of shared lives will be personal edification, church health, and gospel advancement.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*. HarperOne, 2009.

Jerry Bridges, *True Community*. Navigators, 2018.

NEXT STEPS TOGETHER

In response to this Gospel Health Report, take time to consider next steps for equipping your saints together:

NEXT STEPS TOGETHER WITH YOUR LEADERS:

NEXT STEPS TOGETHER WITH YOUR MEMBERS:

NEXT STEPS TOGETHER WITH THE CROSS CURRENT:
