



GOSPEL HEALTH

CHURCH LEADER REPORT

Your Name
Sample Church



Congratulations on completing your Gospel Health Survey 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.

In addition to providing churches with strategic gospel ministry services, TCC helps leaders assess and improve gospel health and also mentor evangelists in their own churches to equip their own saints to reach their own communities for Christ in gospel missions partnership together.

Gospel Ministry Services

The following are the Gospel Ministry Services that The Cross Current can provide you and your church.

PREACHING sermons on all passages and topics related to gospel ministry.

TEACHING seminars on biblical evangelism, apologetics, and gospel leadership.

CONSULTING churches to share the gospel using their spiritual gifts together for God's glory.

MENTORING leaders and their churches to normalize personal and church-wide witness.

MODELING local missions by leading churches offsite to share Christ with their communities.

PROMOTING partnership with The Cross Current through informative and inspirational field reports.

Gospel Ministry Services Are Available



ONSITE



ONLINE



OFFSITE

This Gospel Health Survey and follow-up consult will help your church determine which of these specific ministry services are most suitable for you and your saints to grow in gospel health together.

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YOUR CHURCH AND CONTACT SUMMARY

Your Church

Church Name:	Sample Church
Church Number:	000777
Address:	123 Main Street, City
Website:	www.samplechurch.ca
Affiliation/Denomination:	Christian
Size:	Less than 100

Your Contact

Name:	Your Name
Role:	Elder in Training
Email:	name@email.com

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 survey, we have a basic diagnosis necessary to suggest our most suitable gospel ministry services for equipping you by example.

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.

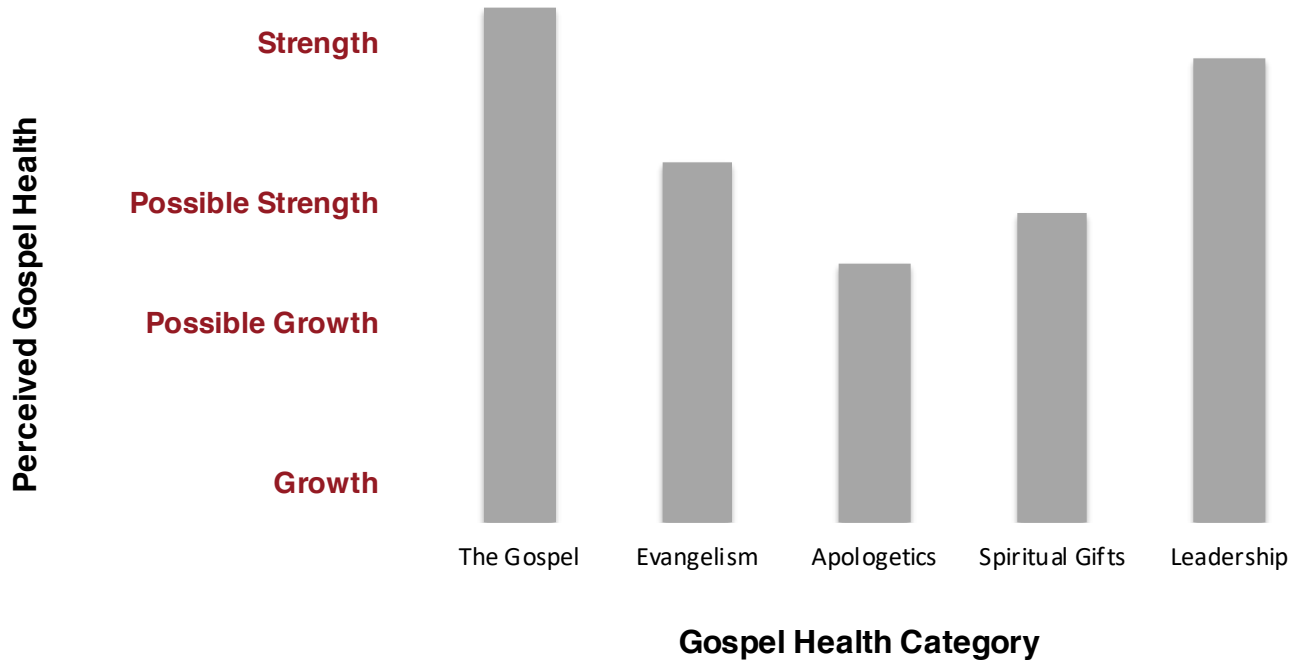
- o **Strength:** You perceive that your core leaders and church are healthy and strong in both doctrine and practice of this category.
- o **Possible Strength:** You perceive that your core leaders and church are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of this category but could use additional strengthening.
- 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.

YOUR OVERALL GOSPEL HEALTH SUMMARY

The graph and chart below summarize your perceived gospel health within each of five key categories surveyed.



	Perceived Gospel Health			
	Strength	Possible Strength	Possible Growth	Growth
The Gospel	✓			
Evangelism		✓		
Apologetics			✓	
Spiritual Gifts			✓	
Leadership	✓			

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



Possible Strength:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are generally healthy in doctrine and practice of evangelism. Additional strengthening is necessary to equip by example for personal witness and increase 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



Possible Growth:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are lacking in healthy doctrine and practice of apologetics. Additional growth is needed for confronting 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



Possible Growth:

You perceive that your church leaders and members are lacking in healthy doctrine and practice of spiritual gifts. Additional growth is needed in several areas to 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, inspiring, and instructing 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.

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:
