

Church Leader Interview

1. What initially prompted the congregation's involvement in community ministries? *[probe: what are current reasons, if different?]*
 2. How, if at all, does the congregation prepare people to participate?
 3. How has the congregation's involvement with community ministry affected the faith of the people who actually participate?
Probe:
 - a. Their relationship with God? *[probe: beliefs, trusts, commitments]*
 - b. Their relationships with one another?
 - c. Their relationships with others outside the congregations *[probe: beliefs, trusts, commitments to people/community]* How, if at all, have these effects changed since the congregation first became involved? How else?
 - d. Here are things that people of faith sometimes do. *[Lay our stimuli with named practices of faith]*
Has the involvement of your congregation with community ministries affected their faith in any of these areas? *[things that people of faith do?]*

[If yes], How has it been affected? Can you give me an example (or tell me a story) of how it was affected?

Has the congregation's involvement with community ministry affected any other of these?
 4. Has this effect changed over time? If so, how? *[probe: You are reaching for how, in general the effects on faith changed for the congregation over time]*
- Note: Have Leader select the ministry s/he thinks is most meaningful for the participants and use this as the referent for the remaining questions.**
5. What keeps the congregation involved? *[probe: reaching for persistence, longevity]*
 6. What keeps you involved as their leader?
 7. What would persuade you to reduce or end the congregation's involvement with _____?
 8. What would it mean for the congregation to end their involvement with _____?
 9. As a leader, how have you helped those involved make the connections between their service and faith?
 10. How else might you enhance the effects on participants' faith?
 11. How has the congregation's involvement with _____ affected you as their leader? *[probe: How else?]*
 12. Is there anything else you would like to tell me? *[probe: Anything else to help me understand your congregation's experience with _____?]*

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