

Key Culture & DNA for the Pathway to Thrive

There are key cultural components that are critical if we are to see more people find their Christ-centered life and purpose. Three are especially key.

Invitation

1. Why did you first start attending Vestavia Methodist? What got you in the door?
2. How likely are you to accept an invitation from a friend? From a social media post? From a piece of mail?
3. What are some was easy “first steps” to which you could invite people - family issues, helping persons in need, finding friendships - so that they could explore things that where they may have interest?
4. Who do you know who needs a place to volunteer or invest time constructively for their own benefit? Where might they be able to plug in at Vestavia Methodist?
5. How many of your neighbors actively are a part of a congregation? Who might God be prompting you to engage in conversation to help them find a deeper life of purpose?
6. What are some needs of people in our community that our church could help them solve? What discussions or forums could we offer?

Leadership

1. Since most people don't feel qualified to lead, how do we find and develop leaders to find their highest purpose in Christ?
2. What persons have mentored or led you spiritually in the past? How do you think they got past this feeling of inadequacy?
3. Have you ever stepped up to lead, and seen God use your "inadequate" gifts to bring change in a person's life?

Prayer

1. How is prayer a part of your life? How has it changed you?
2. How might you and your small group pray for God's spirit to work in our church, in ways we have never imagined.
3. How do you respond to the statement, "Most churches that are growing have an active prayer ministry and component to their DNA?" What could you do to help develop this?