

CASE STUDIES ON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GROWTH IN GLAMA

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QUESTIONNAIRE CQ-#5: FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

SECTION I: CHURCH IDENTIFICATION (INTERVIEW CONTROL NO. _____)

1.1 Local Church Code: _____

1.2 Denominational Code: _____

SECTION II: CHURCH MEMBER/DEMOGRAPHICAL DATA

2.1 Sex: M F 2.2 Age group: a. ____ 15-19;

b. ____ 20-24;

2.3 Marital status: c. ____ 25-29;

a. ____ single (never married) d. ____ 30-34;

b. ____ married f. ____ 40-44;

c. ____ widowed g. ____ 45-49;

d. ____ divorced h. ____ 50-54;

e. ____ separated i. ____ 55-59;

f. ____ common law j. ____ 60-64;

k. ____ 65+

2.4 Education: a. ____ no schooling
b. ____ primary: 1 2 3 4 5 6
c. ____ junior high: 7 8 9
d. ____ senior high: 10 11 12
e. ____ junior college: 1 2
f. ____ college/univ.: 1 2 3 4
g. ____ post grad.: 5 6 7 8 9

(List degrees/diplomas awarded: _____)

2.5 What is your average monthly family income: \$ _____

2.6 What is your principal occupation: _____

2.7 What is your spouse's occupation: _____

2.8 How many people depend on you for their financial support (include spouse, children, and other dependants): _____

2.9 What is your political affiliation? a. ____REPUBLICAN;

b. ____DEMOCRAT; c. ____OTHER; d. ____NONE.

SECTION III: CHURCH RELATED DATA

3.1 Are you a member/adherent of this church? Y N

3.2 How long have you attended this congregation? _____

3.3 How frequently do you attend church activities:

- a. _____ more than once per week (very active)
- b. _____ about once a week (active)
- c. _____ once or twice a month (nominally active)
- d. _____ every few months/occasionally (nominal)
- e. _____ a few times each year/hardly ever (inactive)

3.4 How do you get to church normally?

- a. _____ walk to church
- b. _____ church bus
- c. _____ someone brings you
- d. _____ drive own car
- e. _____ city bus
- f. _____ other (_____)

3.5 How far away do you live from the church location:

- a. _____ less than 1 mile
- b. _____ about 1-2 miles
- c. _____ about 2-3 miles
- d. _____ about 3-5 miles
- e. _____ between 5-10 miles
- f. _____ more than 10 miles

3.6 Did you attend another church IN THIS COMMUNITY before you began to attend here? Y N

3.7 If yes, how long did you attend the other church? _____

3.8 If yes, what was the primary reason that you left the other church? _____

3.9 What is the primary reason that you began to attend the church where we are today? _____

3.10 Before you began attending this church, how would you describe your spiritual life? _____

3.11 As a child, what was the religion of your parents?

Mother: _____ Father: _____

SECTION IV: QUESTIONS FOR CONVERTS/DROPOUTS/RETURNEES

- 4.1 Do you currently attend or identify with a religious group other than the one that your parent's attended or that you were raised in? Y N NR
- 4.2 At what age were you converted to Jesus Christ? _____
(How many years have you been a "Christian"? _____)
- 4.3 Before your conversion, how would you describe yourself?
- a. _____ very religious
 - b. _____ fairly religious
 - c. _____ not very religious/indifferent
 - d. _____ anti-religious/anti-clerical
 - e. _____ no response
- 4.4 How often did you attend the church of your youth/your parents church?
- a. _____ more than once per week (very active)
 - b. _____ about once a week (active)
 - c. _____ once or twice a month (nominally active)
 - d. _____ every few months/occasionally (nominal)
 - e. _____ a few times each year/hardly ever (inactive)
- 4.5 Why did you stop attending the church of your youth/your parents church?
- a. _____ anger/rebellion against family/church
 - b. _____ bored/uninterested/indifferent
 - c. _____ moral/ethical conflicts with church's codes
 - d. _____ questioned authority/doctrine/dogma/beliefs
 - e. _____ my spiritual needs weren't being met
 - f. _____ I married someone outside my faith/church
 - g. _____ the pastors/leaders didn't live what they preached
 - h. _____ my sense of guilt/failure/discouragement
 - i. _____ I didn't agree with changes in the mass/liturgy
 - j. _____ I had personal conflicts with priest/pastor/leader
 - k. _____ my divorce/separation/remarriage
 - l. _____ other: _____
(classification code: _____)
- 4.6 Have you ever been involved in any of the Catholic groups listed below:
- a. _____ base communities (Catholic)
 - b. _____ cursillo movement/spiritual retreats (Catholic)
 - c. _____ Catholic Family Movement
 - d. _____ Home Bible study groups (Catholic)
 - e. _____ other Catholic movements: _____
(Knights of Columbus, etc.)
- 4.7 Have you ever been involved in the Charismatic movement (___Catholic; ___Protestant) or a Pentecostal group? Y N
- 4.8 If yes, have you personally experienced one or more of the following:

- a. _____ faith healing
- b. _____ prophecied
- c. _____ spoken in tongues/interpretation
- d. _____ delivered from demonic oppression
- e. _____ other signs/miracles

4.9 Have you ever been involved in a non-Christian religious group, sect or cult? Y N NR

4.10 If yes, please mark the appropriate group below:

- a. _____ Transcendental Meditation
- b. _____ Theosophy
- c. _____ Rosacrucians
- d. _____ Gnostic Movement
- e. _____ spiritists/mediums/fortune-tellers/astrology
- f. _____ folk-healing/herbalist/curandero
- g. _____ witchcraft/sorcery/black magic (santeria, voodoo, obeah, pocomania, Zion Revivalism, other cults)
- h. _____ mysticism/trances/visions/soul travel
- i. _____ Christian Science
- j. _____ Jehovah's Witnesses/Watchtower Society
- k. _____ Mormon's/Latter Day Saints
- l. _____ Christadelphians
- m. _____ Children of God
- n. _____ Hari Krishna
- o. _____ Moonies/Unification Church
- p. _____ Yoga/Hinduism and related groups
- q. _____ Baha'i
- r. _____ Islam
- s. _____ Judaism
- t. _____ Great Universal Fraternity
- u. _____ Unitarianism/Universalism
- v. _____ New Age Groups/Spiritualism/Cosmic Consciousness
- w. _____ Others: _____

(classification code:_____)

4.11 In addition to the church that you now attend, have you been active in one or more other churches/denominations/religious groups during the past ten years? Y N NR

4.12 If yes, please give the names of each group by years:

- a. 1989: _____
- b. 1988: _____
- c. 1987: _____

- d. 1986: _____
- e. 1985: _____
- f. 1984: _____
- g. 1983: _____
- h. 1982: _____
- i. 1981: _____
- j. 1980: _____

4.13 What would you say were the THREE MAJOR REASONS that caused you to leave these groups?

- a. FIRST: _____

- b. SECOND: _____

- c. THIRD: _____

4.14 What is the PRIMARY REASON that you are now attending the group/church where you are now?

- a. _____ sought spiritual guidance/personal improvement
- b. _____ began attending spouse's church/married member
- c. _____ concern for children's religious education
- d. _____ relieve guilt/anxiety/depression/conflicts
- e. _____ dissatisfied with previous group/church
- f. _____ crisis experience/needed help immediately
- g. _____ felt lonely/disoriented/unloved/unaccepted
- h. _____ need to know God/Jesus personally
- i. _____ experienced signs/wonders/miracle/supernatural
- j. _____ other: _____
(classification code: _____)

SECTION V: CONVERSION INFLUENCES

5.1 What factor was most instrumental in bringing you to Christ:

- a. _____ Personal testimony of a friend/relative/neighbor
- b. _____ Evangelism program (house-to-house, visitor follow-up, evangelistic crusade, etc.)
- c. _____ Special message from God/He spoke to me
- d. _____ A special event in your life (a death, sickness, healing, miracle, separation/divorce, etc.) that caused you to seek God
- e. _____ Other: _____
(classification code: _____)

5.2 Who were the PEOPLE that helped you most to become a Christian?

- a. ___ Father
- b. ___ Mother
- c. ___ Wife/Husband
- d. ___ Children
- e. ___ Bro./Sister
- f. ___ Other Family
- g. ___ Pastor
- h. ___ Lay worker
- i. ___ Church staff
- j. ___ Evangelist
- k. ___ S.S. Teacher
- l. ___ A Friend
- m. ___ Colleague
- n. ___ Employer
- o. ___ Neighbor
- p. ___ An acquaintance
- q. ___ Other: _____

5.3 By which of the following METHODS did God call you to Himself:

- a. ___ Radio
- b. ___ TV
- c. ___ Magazine
- d. ___ Music
- e. ___ Retreat
- f. ___ Sunday School
- g. ___ Camp
- h. ___ Wors. serv.
- g. ___ Church mtg.
- h. ___ Home visit
- i. ___ Hosp. visit
- j. ___ Jail visit
- k. ___ Chr.
- Film l. ___ Street Mtg.
- m. ___ Book/pamphlet
- n. ___ Read Bible
- o. ___ You prayed
- p. ___ Chr. school
- q. ___ Bible study group
- r. ___ Public mtg. (stadium/etc.)
- s. ___ Other: _____
(classification code: _____)

5.4 Which of the following CIRCUMSTANCES helped you to discover God's will for your life/the way of salvation?

- a. ___ Christian fellowship
- b. ___ A special blessing
- c. ___ A miracle
- d. ___ A healing
- e. ___ A vision or dream
- f. ___ Some difficulty in life
- g. ___ A sickness/suffering
- h. ___ Life's frustrations
- i. ___ Death in the family
- j. ___ Other death/tragedy
- k. ___ A family crisis
- l. ___ Conversion of a friend
- m. ___ A promise to God
- n. ___ Promise to another
- o. ___ An accidental occurrence/divine providence
- p. ___ Other: _____

5.5 What aspects of the gospel message helped you to UNDERSTAND the way of salvation/know Jesus?

- a. ___ God's love for me
- b. ___ Judgment/condemnation
- c. ___ Eternal life in Him
- d. ___ Jesus is coming again
- e. ___ Joy in knowing Jesus
- f. ___ Forgiveness/acceptance
- g. ___ Save me from hell
- h. ___ Cleansed me from sin
- i. ___ Jesus died for me
- j. ___ Peace with God
- k. ___ God answers prayer
- l. ___ Fellowship with God
- m. ___ He gives me hope
- n. ___ Jesus/Friend of sinners
- o. ___ Reconciliation w/God
- p. ___ Fellowship with believers
- q. ___ His power to deliver
- r. ___ Become a child of God
- s. ___ He heals the oppressed
- t. ___ Be born again/renewed
- u. ___ The Good Shepherd
- v. ___ His faithfulness
- w. ___ His nature/majesty
- x. ___ Other: _____

- 5.6 In what kind of SITUATION were you converted?
- a. ___ Evangelistic Campaign b. ___ Regular church service
 - c. ___ Special church mtg. d. ___ Non-church meeting
 - e. ___ Large group of people f. ___ Small group of people
 - g. ___ With a friend h. ___ By yourself

- 5.7 WHERE were you living when you became a Christian?
- a. ___ California b. ___ In another state/USA(_____)
 - c. ___ Outside the USA (Where:_____)

- 5.8 In terms of the REST OF YOUR NUCLEAR FAMILY, did some become Christians:
- a. ___ before you (who?_____);
 - b. ___ after you (who?_____);
 - c. ___ with you (who?_____);
 - d. ___ they have not responded yet.

SECTION VI: SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

- 6.1 List what you feel are the FIVE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS in your spiritual growth and development:
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
 - 5. _____

6.2 Indicate your level of involvement in the following activities that indicate growth and development in the Christian life (#1 = low; #5 = high):

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. I have a daily devotional schedule. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. I know what my spiritual gifts are. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. I share my faith with other people. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. My neighbors see I live differently. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. I try to help others in any way possible. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. I minister in the church with my gifts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. I can give a Biblical answer for my faith. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

- h. God has allowed me to lead others to Him. 1 2 3 4 5
- i. I am concerned about social, economic and political oppression here and abroad. 1 2 3 4 5
- j. I enjoy being involved in "ministry" in any form. 1 2 3 4 5
- k. I go out of my way to be friendly with non-Christians to witness to them. 1 2 3 4 5
- l. I participate in visitation ministries. 1 2 3 4 5
- m. I invite people to my church. 1 2 3 4 5
- n. When I see an injustice, I want to get involved and try to correct it. 1 2 3 4 5
- o. I want to be more obedient and fruitful in my Christian life. 1 2 3 4 5
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6.3 Please indicate your current level of satisfaction with your own spiritual growth and development:

SATISFIED 1 2 3 4 5 DISSATISFIED

6.4 Indicate your level of satisfaction with the LEADERSHIP ROLE of your pastor: SATISFIED 1 2 3 4 5 DISSATISFIED

6.5 Indicate your view of the leadership STYLE of your pastor:

DEMOCRATIC 1 2 3 4 5 AUTHORITARIAN

6.6 Indicate your level of satisfaction with the leadership ROLE of other members of the pastoral/church staff:

SATISFIED 1 2 3 4 5 DISSATISFIED

6.7 What is your overall level of satisfaction with the way that things are going in general in the life and ministry of your congregation?

SATISFIED 1 2 3 4 5 DISSATISFIED

SECTION VII: CONTROL OF INTERVIEWS

7.1 Your name (optional): _____

7.2 Interviewer: _____

7.3 Date of interview: _____

7.4 Observations: _____

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