REVEAL Survey Presentation

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Time Commitment:

The presentation takes 45 minutes plus time for questions and reflections.

Intended Audience:

Youth Leaders, Church Youth Councils or Committees, Church Councils or congregations as a whole.

Materials:

Power Point Presentation.

Synopsis:

This presentation explains the faith formation survey created by Willow Creek Community Church in Barrington, Illinois. This survey helps chart and understand the process of faith formation in Christians from its formative stage to full development. Also, conclusions were drawn about what helps people "move" (MOVE by Greg Hawkins & Cally Parkinson) deeper in Christ.

In the mid-2000's Willow Creek Community Church asked itself how it was doing making disciples for Jesus. In order to better gauge their effectiveness they created the REVEAL Survey. What the WCCC discovered through the survey was not only information about where their people were spiritually; but, in the process they came to better understood the process of faith formation itself. WCCC discovered that they had not been doing a very good job of "moving" those they were discipling in the faith formation process in the church. The survey lead WCCC to make changes in their discipling process to better address their members grow in Christ to the fullness Jesus intended for his people.

The presentation prompts youth leaders, Council members and regular members of a congregation to better understand the dynamics of faith formation. This also leads church leaders to ask serious questions about how they can make their church a place where disciples for Jesus are formed.