



Issues to Consider

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Joining Church

1. Those who come through people in church
2. Those who come through activities of the church, inside factors
3. Those who come because of outside factors

Leaving Church

1. Why they leave:
 - a) Lose faith
 - b) Unable to get involved
 - c) Too demanding
 - d) Attracted elsewhere
 - e) Move home
2. Where they go:
 - a) Another church
 - b) Another religion
 - c) No church but still believe
 - d) No church but no long sure of beliefs
 - e) No church and no faith

Types of People in Church

1. Distinguish by activity:
 - a) Those who keep it all together (key people)
 - b) those who recruit
 - c) Those who contribute to church work/life
 - d) those who do little
 - e) Those who hinder
2. Distinguish by knowledge:
 - a) new to faith
 - b) initial discipleship,
 - c) mature,
 - d) leader.

Types of People outside Church

1. Distinguish by need:
 - a) Need nothing
 - b) aware there could be better
 - c) searching
 - d) desperate
2. Distinguish by knowledge of Christianity:
 - a) Hostile,
 - b) know nothing
 - c) awareness,
 - d) sympathy,
 - e) fellow traveller, but...
3. Distinguish by contact with Christians, from none, occasional, regular, frequent.

These are purely to breed thought and are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive.