

Challenge One: Rebuild Energy

What is the One Thing We Can Do NOW?

Quick Start Steps:

- **Schedule 2 – 2 1/2 hours for Session members and 2-4 chosen key congregational leaders.**
 - *Moderator/Pastor may be the facilitator, or an outside person maybe invited to facilitate the event.*
 - *This can be done on a zoom meeting or in person (preferred). It may lose some energy if it is hybrid.*
- **In advance of the meeting, each Session member and key leader will be asked to individually complete and submit a worksheet that identifies the church's vocation (why the congregation exists) and the church's values (3-4 one-word beliefs to which the church holds).**
 - *Email the worksheet ahead of time to participants and ask them to bring it with them to the meeting. The worksheet should only take minutes to complete.*
 - *Ask each participant to review the three areas of Matthew 25 using the following link and worksheet explanation.*
- **In support of the identified mission and values, and in acknowledgement of the unique post-pandemic context of each congregation, time will be dedicated to Dwelling in the Word and brainstorm **New Initiatives** for ministry/mission opportunities.**
 - *Open the event with Dwelling in the Word using Matthew 25. See attached*
 - *Each participant using their responses to worksheet, on a white board or large paper record leaders' responses to vocation and values.*
 - *Brainstorm where vocation/values intersect with Matthew 25 areas of focus.*
- **Create a focus on one initiative which generates the most excitement and embodies the values and vocation of this particular faith community.**
 - *Imagine together one thing the congregation can do* that embodies the church vocation in this time and place with an activity that demonstrates Matthew 25.*
- **Design implementation steps and timelines.**
 - *Using the Action Plan Implementation Worksheet plan or some other similar style of planning. Design implementation steps and timelines.*

* "Can do" means they will physically do something such as an event, program, worship or workshop not something that they will provide a financial donation.